

Claim extra pitches will not solve illegal camps problem

MORE TRAVELLER SITES 'UNFAIR'

BY ALEX ROSS

COMMUNITY leaders in Walsall have reacted to a plan which will see more traveller pitches created in the borough than anywhere else in the Black Country.

A masterplan shows 27 new pitches for travellers and gipsies need to be found in the next four years with more than half of them – 15 – to be located in Walsall.

It will see the borough's total tally increase 37 per cent from 40 to 55. By 2036 it is predicted Walsall will have a total of 69 gipsy and traveller permanent/residential pitches.

The figures have been revealed in the Black Country Core Strategy which has been developed by all four borough councils.

Councillor Ian Robertson, who saw more than 50 caravans cause havoc at Swannies Field in Blakenall recently, said: "The pitches should be shared around more evenly across the Black Country and throughout Walsall itself as it is a big place with lots of green space."

"But I would like to see more transit sites come forward as well, which have minimum provisions such as washing facilities while they are only allowed to stay there a week."

The plan has prompted a mixed response from some Walsall councillors, particularly those who have seen illegal encampments pop up in their own wards in recent weeks.

Aldridge councillor John Murray, who saw a large number of caravans pitch up at Aldridge Airport last week, described the allocation figures as unfair. He said: "On the face of it it does not seem at all fair that Walsall should take more than the other three boroughs which are of a similar size. We need to find out why those allocations have been proposed."

"But to be honest I do not think it will actually make an impact on the problem we currently face from travellers who just want to stay for a week and make an absolute mess."

Former council leader Councillor Mike Bird said the plans will not solve the problem of illegal encampments but may help removing them.

He said: "In court the argument is if the council has not provided enough legal pitches then it shouldn't be moving them on from illegal encampments. So if there are more pitches it will help with that process."

ADRENALINE KICKED IN, SAYS HAVE-A-GO HERO



Charlie and Brett Robertson have received Good Citizens Awards from Chief Constable Dave Thompson

A BRAVE disabled man and his son have told how they restrained a dangerous shoplifter and helped put him back behind bars.

Charlie and Brett Robertson have received Good Citizens Awards from the police after snaring a thief at Blakenall Village Centre pharmacy in Walsall.

Brett, aged 23, described how 'adrenaline kicked in' during the drama in which his 56-year-old father was shoved to the floor injuring his hip. They initially stopped the shoplifter leaving the pharmacy when staff rumbled his attempts to steal handfuls of

items. Brett and Charlie, cornered him and demanded he emptied his pockets. But in desperation the thief fled into a back room.

They hauled him out but frail Charlie was shoved to the floor when the thief lashed out.

Undeterred he got back to his feet and helped Brett restrain the suspect to the ground until police arrived.

Brett said: "It was all pretty chaotic. It was a pretty intense day."

"We ended up in A&E tested for Hepatitis C because of what happened which was a bit of shock. I wasn't particularly scared. He was

not a big gentleman. Adrenaline just kicked in. Both of us don't like people who steal or bully others."

Since their heroic actions on the morning of August 26 last year, it has been revealed that the pair have been presented with their award. Brett modestly added: "We just did what anyone else would do."

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "Both men went above and beyond that day, putting themselves in harm's way to detain a dangerous man, who was later found to be wanted on a recall to prison."

COURT

Three are facing terrorism charges

A MAN from Great Barr is among three suspected neo-Nazi sympathisers charged with terrorism offences.

Alexander Deakin, aged 22, of Brecon Road, is accused of being a member of the banned far-right group National Action and has been charged with inciting racial hatred. Two soldiers – one based in Cyprus and one based in Powys, Wales – have also been charged with belonging to National Action, the first extreme right-wing group to be banned under terrorism laws.

Deakin has been charged with being a member of a proscribed organisation, two counts under Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000, one count of distribution of a terrorist publication and is also charged separately with one count of inciting racial hatred.

All three were due to appear at Westminster Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

POLICE

Job risk fears as salary cap lifted

TENS of police officers could lose their jobs as a result of a pay cap being lifted in the West Midlands, warns police & crime commissioner David Jamieson.

He says 80 police officers would need to be axed with each one per cent pay rise costing the force £4 million.

"The Government must provide resources to fund the pay increases, so pay increases for some are not job losses for others," he said.

ACCIDENT

Teen biker sustains leg injuries in crash

A TEENAGER suffered serious injuries to both legs after a crash in Walsall.

The boy, who was riding a motorbike, was airlifted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital's major trauma centre following a collision with a car at the junction of Birch Lane and Mill Road, Pelsall, at 8.30am on Monday.

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Bulldozers in at old factory building



Bulldozers at the site of the old JW Bonser factory in Albert Street

AN historic former factory has met the bulldozer as council chiefs step up a huge redevelopment project.

The old JW Bonser at Albert Street, Walsall, had stood empty since 2015 following the collapse of the bathrooms fittings company.

Last month, Walsall Council began preliminary demolition work and on Monday the derelict buildings which had been declared unsafe were torn down.

The site has been earmarked for businesses and offices development as

part of the authority's £400m Gigaport project.

Walsall FC chairman Jeff Bonser had once ran the factory until selling it to Leicester-based Dalby Holdings in 2003.

The council purchased the plot four years later.

Bulldozers wasted no time in tearing down the remains, with the factory levelled by midday.

In previous years the Albion Tannery on Hatherton Street has been demolished as part of the Gigaport project.

Car boot sales boost for stadium car park

THE team behind the popular Bescot Market market have been given planning permission to use the overspill car park at Walsall FC's football ground to host a car boot sale one day a week.

The market promoters were given permission to host the 'large car boot sale' on Thursdays.

They say the public have regularly asked for such an event to be brought to the town over the years and have pledged to bring something to the town 'that it does not already have'.

A planning statement submitted to Walsall Council reads: "The site is a flat car park situated at the back of the football stadium just behind the artificial training pitches. It is used for overspill car parking on match days but only really used for the bigger games where gates will be 5,000 plus.

"As the promoters of Bescot Market we are regularly asked why we can't put on a car boot sale with the general market.

"In reality the site is already full from general market traders but when we raised it with the football club they thought that a clearly defined car boot sale on a week day would be popular.

"We undertook some market research by asking the public if they would be interested and most thought it was a great idea."

As part of their market research, developers looked at the current car boot sales on offer across the borough, which revealed that while they all compete with Bescot Market on a Sunday, they would not affect plans for the new weekly car boot sale.

The statement added: "We are looking to operate a much larger car boot sale with a wider selection of goods on sale each week.

"The fact that you should be able to find anything you want at a larger event will be our unique selling point."

Hundreds on run for Smile charity



Suzy Evans and Owen Richards at the Run For Joes fundraising event at Sandwell Valley Country Park

AROUND 1,000 donned their running shoes for a celebration remembering the lives of three members of a Black Country family who were killed in the Tunisia beach terror attack.

The event at Sandwell Valley Country Park was held in aid of Smile for Joel, set up by the family of victims Joel Richards, Adrian Evans and Patrick Evans. It was an emotional day for Suzy Evans,

from Wednesbury, who lost her son, brother and father in the 2015 attack, and her son Owen, who survived the atrocity.

Run for Joel featured two competitive races, one 5km and the other 3km, while there was also a fun run for the youngsters.

Thousands of pounds were raised for the charity, which supports families who have lost loved ones in sudden and tragic circumstances.

One couple, Adam and Trudy Russell, from Wednesbury, even cut short their honeymoon in Ibiza so they could make it. Suzy said: "It's absolutely amazing."

Owen, 18, who is preparing to go to Worcester University, where his brother studied, took part in both the 5km and 3km runs. He said: "It's bittersweet. We would rather not be doing this kind of thing but we are in this situation."

X Factor star to appear at reindeer park fashion show

LEADING models and an X Factor star will find themselves at a very unusual Staffordshire venue for a high class fashion event this weekend – a reindeer park!

Latest fashions from couture designers will be modelled among the rustic setting of Blithbury Reindeer Lodge near Rugeley on Sunday.

The fundraiser has been organised by Walsall-based Dream Street Models for their annual show.

Special guests include MTV's Loren Green, X Factor's Chloe Jasmine and Britain and Ireland's Next Top Model winner Eleanor Sippings.

Proceeds will be donated to the MS Therapy Centre in Wolverhampton. Organiser Chloe Avon's mum attended the centre for oxygen therapy before she sadly died in April at the age of 45 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Chloe said: "It's the first of its kind to take place in the UK, at the home to England's largest working herd of reindeer and one of the largest outside of Scandinavia."

Entitled Scandinavian Bliss, the fashion show starts at 2pm. It will primarily showcase designers who create couture and finely tailored garments from across the UK. Tickets are £20 at www.dreamstreetmodels.bigcartel.com



Chloe Jasmine

Partner sought to run town's gallery

A NEW partner is being sought to share the running of Walsall's New Art Gallery.

Walsall Council has announced it is interested in hearing from representatives from the education sector, companies or philanthropists for the management, control and funding of the facility.

The council's cabinet members met and agreed that officers should undertake a procurement exercise to find a new partner to share the costs of the gallery and help it develop over the next 10 years, potentially outside of the council.

Councillor Ian Shires said: "We're obviously in a very difficult position with local government funding and the council needs all the help that we can get."

Overnight closure

OVERNIGHT lane closures are in place for safety barrier maintenance from 8pm to 6am until September 27 on both carriageways of the A454 Black Country Route between the M6 junction 10 and The Keyway Junction.

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Watchdog's good rating for primary maintained

A PRIMARY school has passed its latest Ofsted inspection, on only its second visit since applying to convert from a council-maintained school in 2012.

The watchdog has written to bosses at Woodlands Academy in Willenhall confirming they have maintained its 'Good' rating from the last full inspection which took place in 2013.

The report stated the school's work to tackle absence had seen the problem reduced by more than half since last year when rates were above the national average.

Pupils' progress was also said to have improved, while their needs were catered for due to planning by teachers.

In a letter to headteacher Tamsin Newton inspector Jonathan Keay said: "The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school.

"Leaders exhibit strong knowledge and skills across every phase of the school. You and senior leaders demonstrate capacity for further improvement. Children's learning is at the heart of your school improvement work.

"Establishing challenge and securing learning at a greater depth have been a clear focus of staff training.

"The school's own assessment information and work in books show that pupils are working at a greater depth in their learning. The most able pupils are receiving a higher level of challenge, but there is scope for this area of improvement to be developed even more."

Fan quits Twitter following outcry

A WALSALL fan who pulled off a prank by claiming he booked a room on the Isle of Wight during an away trip to Portsmouth says he is quitting Twitter over 'abuse'.

Davey Drew shared his nightmare experience on social media as he followed the Saddlers when they travelled to the south coast last month.

It was shared on Twitter thousands of times and read by 2.5 million users.

The story was also picked up by media around the world.

His ordeal touched the hearts of many travelling football fans as well as Walsall FC offered to pay his ferry fare from island.

But Davey revealed to the Express & Star last week that his tweet was just 'for a bit of fun'.

After it was outed as a hoax Davey took to Twitter to say: "Don't think I deserve the abuse I'm getting for a harmless joke that put us on the world map."

Once-criticised school 'doing better'



Independent school, Abu Bakr

AN independent Islamic school criticised after sectarian documents were discovered is now 'meeting standards' according to the same watchdog.

Ofsted criticised Abu Bakr in Walsall last year after the material which express 'partisan political views' was found in a store room and declared the school did not do enough to promote British values.

But now a year on they have noted improvements at the £1,700-a-year secondary on Kent Street, which has more than 200 pupils. Their latest report made direct reference to the

concerning discovery in 2016. It said: "This inspection found no evidence of inappropriate material in school. In response to the findings of the previous inspection, when inspectors found sectarian literature in a storeroom, school leaders have stopped taking in donated material.

"Leaders have also insisted that any new material that is purchased for use in school or is brought in by members of staff has to be seen and approved by the headteacher.

"In taking more control of reading material coming into school, leaders

are confident that the books and literature available to pupils are appropriate. That said, this increased vigilance has led to the school putting its plans to develop an in-school library on hold," it added.

Inspectors also stated that there was some 'very worthwhile' work around raising awareness about the damage caused by forced marriages, female genital mutilation as well as other 'codes of honour' that are not acceptable in British Society. Ofsted concluded that Abu Bakr was meeting standards in all eight key areas.

Brave Matt gets needle at the double for Haven



Josh Williams, left, and Tommy Frankham with Matt



Matt's mutt - the fundraiser's new dog tattoo



The tattooed 'Andy', an homage to Toy Story

Report by Diane Davies

Brave fundraiser Matt Parkes came up with an unusual challenge to support a Wolverhampton charity - by having two tattoos done at the same time.

And if that wasn't enough he also let his Facebook friends choose what the tattoos were going to be, as long as they made a donation to his fundraising page in aid of Wolverhampton's The Haven.

One friend paid £500 for a portrait of his dog, Bart, to be tattooed on Matt's leg. More than £1,150 was raised, with donations still coming in.

Community fundraiser Jade Secker, from The Haven refuge, said: "Matt supports us each Christmas and really does do a considerable amount of fundraising, raising thousands each year for presents and Christmas dinner. One donor sponsored £500 for him to have a portrait of their dog tattooed on Matt and the rest of his Facebook friends have voted on a variety of tattoos and they have all donated - with the winning choice being 'Andy' on the bottom of his foot - just like in Toy Story!

She added: "We are so grateful to Matt for continuing to keep The Haven at the forefront of his mind.

He does so much for us, especially at Christmas, and so, for him to now be going above and beyond to come up with extra - and very interesting - ways to support us is incredible.

"Without people like Matt our services simply wouldn't be able to continue and so we want to say a massive thank you to Matt for being so brave with this unique challenge."

Matt, from Willenhall, said: "I started fundraising for The Haven a few years ago with my Toys4Tots Christmas Appeal but I wanted to do more for them having seen first-hand the great work that they do for local women and children.

"I'm no marathon runner so decided to come up with a unique fundraising idea that would help The

Haven. They're a great charity and I will always do everything I can to support them."

Tattooists Josh Williams and Tommy Frankham from Sempiternal Ink in Walsall carried out the work on the two tattoos which Matt later described as 'incredible' though he did admit that it did hurt.

The painful procedure was captured on a live stream shown on The Haven Facebook site and Matt's wall - for anyone not afraid of needles.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/TheHavenWton/> to watch Matt endure two tattoos being inked at the same time on the same leg. The Haven Wolverhampton provides support for women and children affected by domestic violence and homelessness.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£500k spent to help midwives

WALSALL Manor Hospital chiefs have spent more £500,000 on agency nurses in order to free up midwives to ease pressure on its failing maternity department.

The Care Quality Commission re-inspected the service last week after rating it 'Inadequate' in 2015. The watchdog noted improvements had been made but declared 'significant problems' remained particularly around staffing and a 'bullying culture'. Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust subsequently formed an action plan to tackle the issues. A report states staffing levels now meet national requirements.

Aldi will open up new store in town

ALDI has confirmed it will be opening up a new store in Walsall, council bosses have confirmed. The retail giant has long been rumoured to take on the store in Coppice Farm Way.

Walsall Council's business support Ian Shires welcomed the news. He said: "I have to say that it's not the best kept secret in the world. It was first mooted back in June. It will be good to see the store back in use.

"Now that the cat is out of the bag we would hope that the new owners will get on with the job of tidying up the site."

Cars are driven off in burglaries

THREE cars were stolen in Walsall during two burglaries within a 48-hour period.

Between 10pm in Tuesday and 6am last Wednesday an intruder climbed through a conservatory window at a home in Alderley Crescent, Coalpool and drove off in a Mercedes after stealing the keys. Between 11pm Wednesday and 6.17am the next day, keys to a Mercedes and a Volvo were taken, and the cars driven off, from a home in Princes Avenue.

The lock on the patio doors was snapped to gain entry.

MP alarmed by high diabetes percentage

WALSALL South MP Valeris Vaz is encouraging her constituents to adopt healthy lifestyles to combat the threat of diabetes.

Figures show 9.28 per cent of people in the constituency have diabetes, equating to 7,871 people and putting Walsall South as the 15th highest constituency in the country for diabetes.

Ms Vaz, shadow leader of the House of Commons, said: "I encourage everyone to make a lifestyle change."

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COUNTY NEWS

Drive to get more men in social work

COUNCIL chiefs in Birmingham have backed a campaign to attract more men into social work. Currently the child protection workforce is predominantly female, with only 14 per cent of roles taken up by men, whilst more than half of the children in care are boys.

The drive has been launched by social work charity Frontline, backed by Birmingham City Council – with 15.5 per cent of male social workers in children's services. Councillor Bridg Jones said: "As Ofsted confirmed earlier this year, we are now making steady progress in improving services for children."

Trust fun events for the autumn

THE National Trust has announced a series of events taking place in the West Midlands this autumn.

Between October 21 and October 31 Wightwick Manor and Gardens, Wolverhampton, will host Family Halloween Half Term Fun.

At Kinner Edge on October 23 there will be apple-pressing and hands-on crafts at the Trust's Rock Houses.

And on October 24 and 26 the same site will host lantern-making sessions.

Finally there will be a Pumpkin Festival at Moseley Old Hall from October 23 to October 29 where people can carve pumpkins and take the insides home.

Team in nursing recruitment task

A BLACK Country hospital team has visited Liverpool in a bid to recruit more nurses. The RCN nursing recruitment event took place at the Exhibition Centre.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust met with potential candidates from across the country. The trust, which runs City, Sandwell and Rowley Regis Hospitals, as well as Leasowes Intermediate Care Centre, was on the lookout to recruit qualified nurses.

£6k raised for causes by Blakemore staff

STAFF from Blakemore Foodservice's Darlaston depot have handed over £6,000 to their two charities of the year for 2016-2017.

They selected the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and Chelsea's HLH Awareness Fund and have taken part in a number of activities over the 12 months to raise funds, including the recent Wolverhampton Half Marathon.

Compulsive cleaner jailed for attack

AN obsession with cleaning landed a Walsall man in jail.

Graham Gaunt snapped when a visitor poked fun at him as he used the vacuum cleaner to tidy up the Walsall home of his former partner, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

"He was doing some house cleaning when a friend made a joking comment that led to him losing his temper," said Mr Hugh O'Brien Quinn, prosecuting.

Gaunt turned his anger on his former partner who had not even made the comment, it was said.

The 53-year-old heaped abuse on the woman, branded her as lazy and started beating her with the vacuum's metal pole on April 30.

He hit her over the head several times before grabbing a bottle and trying to strike her with that as well. He missed but threatened to kill her,

added Mr O'Brien Quinn. The woman managed to get out of the kitchen into another room and kept the internal door shut for long enough to ring the police. He left the address but was arrested later.

Gaunt had an obsessive compulsive disorder for cleaning, said Mr Richard Davenport, defending. "This is what led to him attacking the woman," he said. "He had the mickey taken out

of him because of his compulsion." Gaunt from Emery Street, Walsall had 'numerous' previous convictions including several of violence against women – two of which involved the most recent victim.

He admitted assault and was jailed for 11 months. Judge Peter Barrie also made him the subject of a restraining order which bans any contact with the victim for an indefinite period.

Noddy's bostin' Slade stories are Alive again

By Andy Richardson

"PEOPLE mek places. Buildings are there but it's people who mek places. And people mek the Black Country, them the salt of the earth."

"I've been everywhere in the world and there's nowhere as good as the Black Country."

Slade were a product of the Black Country and Noddy Holder is proud of his roots and woe betide anyone who says a bad word about it.

"I speak to people who've never been to the Black Country or the Midlands. They all slag it off. But they've never bin. How the f*** do they know what they're talking about?" says the Freeman of Walsall.

Noddy is reminiscing about the early days as this year marks the 45th anniversary of the band's breakthrough album Slade Alive which went straight to number two in the charts.

Anniversary

It was their first record to enter the UK top 40 and stayed there for more than a year. It has been re-released to coincide with the anniversary.

He reflects: "I've probably not lived there for 40 years, thinking of the time I left Walsall. It's certainly 30-odd years. But when I drive into the Midlands, if I go and buy a paper in a shop, the accent of the customers makes me feel at home." He gets recognised everywhere he goes. People in the shops say "all right Noddy, ow yow doin'?" It's like they know you and them yur mate. They'll tell me to get me hair cut. They still have that sense of humour. So you feel like you're home.

"I tell yow summat. People who live in the Black Country doe appreciate what they got. I know the yooof don't because occasionally I give talks to colleges and schools. They don't appreci-



An early publicity shot, with Noddy, Don Powell, Jimmy Lea and Dave Hill

ate the history of the area. It don't matter where you go in the world, there's few places you get the warmth that you get from the Black Country. I get the same vibe from the southern states in America.

"And I tell yow summat else. You won't get better fish and chips, or curry, no matter where you go. The pubs are great and the characters you meet in them are the best in the world."

He remembers recording Slade Alive as though it were only yesterday. The band had been on Top Of The Pops that night. It cost just £600 to make and recorded over three nights at London's Command Theatre Studio in front of an audience, the idea of manager, Chas Chandler, who also produced.

Noddy says: "Chas wanted something to keep the fans interested so

we went along with it. He booked us into a studio on Piccadilly in London for three nights on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On the Wednesday we were called into Top Of The Pops with Coz I Luv You, which was our next single. It was selling like hot cakes.

"So we went straight from TOTOP to Command Studios after the recording. We'd done TOTOP and had a few drinks. We were buzzing.

"In the end, we just used the gig from Wednesday because it was so good. We captured the raucousness of our live shows on that record. We'd been trying to capture it on record before because that's what Slade was all about – we were a real rock'n'roll band."

The record was recorded in late November 1971 and came out in early spring 1972. It changed the game



Heels of steel –Noddy and Dave

and earned them the acclaim they'd sought.

Slade Alive opened the floodgates and they were sent to Europe to tour. In Australia, the record went to number one and stayed there for six months. "It was only knocked off the week we arrived and released our next album, Slayed? We had the number one and number two album and three singles in the chart. It was the same in Canada. But we were never an overnight success. That was the culmination of five years of hard slog."

Noddy enjoyed his time with the band – "what we had was unique" – though he declined an opportunity to rejoin. "I'd had 25 years. I wanted something different," he said.

● For the full interview see Weekend in the Express & Star on Saturday

Fees move for garden waste bins put on hold

CLAIMS Walsall Council are about to U-turn on controversial proposals to introduce a £30 annual charge for its free garden waste service have been dismissed by the authority's leader.

The council is considering introducing the fee for brown bin collections from next year to save £300,000 even though the authority concedes it may increase fly-tipping, rogue traders collecting waste, and result in some agency workers being axed.

The move is currently on hold until bosses review thousands of public responses to the proposal while an overview and scrutiny group discussed the issue last Thursday.

But former councillor Pete Smith has called on the council to admit it never intended on going through with the 'hare-brained' charges just so it could claim they have 'listened' to the public when deciding against it.

Council leader Sean Coughlan, for Labour, has refuted the claims.

He said: "The consultation has not yet come to a conclusion. We will listen to what the scrutiny group say as well as the public. We have not made a decision yet. Peter Smith in particular has an issue with everything the Labour group does."

Hospital top dog set to stand down

A WALSALL Manor Hospital top dog is to step down at the end of the year amid a turbulent two years.

Amir Khan, who has been medical director with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust since 2009, but will leave his high ranking post in December.

Chief executive Richard Kirby has paid tribute to him. He said: "Amir Khan has decided to step down as Medical Director from 8th December 2017.

"Amir has been Medical Director for eight years and I am sure the whole board will want to join me in thanking him for the important contribution he has made to the Trust during this period.

"Amir will remain a consultant surgeon at the Trust and continue to lead on some specific trust-wide initiatives including our overseas Medical Training Initiative." The Manor has come under heavy criticism since it was placed in Special Measures.



Amir Khan

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Pressured A&E aiming to bring in volunteers

WALSALL Manor Hospital wants to recruit volunteers to help improve 'patient experience' within its under-pressure A&E department.

They would be there in a supportive role for patients, their families and carers, bosses have said.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust has stated they would focus on patients waiting for treatments or a move on to a ward.

Matron Denise Fraser said: "Our ED (emergency department) is a busy, hectic environment but all of us who work there absolutely love it. We enjoy the varied role, the wide range of patients and the hustle and bustle.

"Due to the extremely busy nature of the department and continually changing priorities, however, we accept that there are times when communication could be better."

Debbie Hill, care group manager, added: "The volunteers will be able to help by sorting out food and drinks for patients, giving them books or magazines and acting as a link to ED staff.

"We have already introduced ED Champions into the department, who are members of staff with a particular interest in areas such as dementia, substance misuse and organ donation."

Prospective volunteers will be DBS checked and will be required to attend an induction session for health and safety training.

Pigeons stolen from property

DOZENS of pigeons have been stolen in a bizarre burglary. Thieves took just 20 minutes to remove around 80 birds from a property in Cannon Street, Walsall which was targeted in broad daylight.

It took place between 1.40 and 2pm on September 2. West Midlands Police has only provided brief details at this stage and have not been able to say how the burglars gained access and how the pigeons could have been transported away.

Kevin Pitt, police, engagement and consultation officer in Walsall, said: "The offenders have gained access to the property by unknown means and have stolen approximately 80 pigeons. "Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Unit gym scheme

A FORMER storage unit will be converted into a gym under new plans.

Satpal Sagoo has submitted proposals for the development on the Old Park Trading Estate in Wednesbury. An application has been submitted.

Approval for tallest building to be flats



Tameway Tower in Walsall

PLANS to convert Walsall's tallest building into flats have been approved.

Proposals resurfaced earlier this year to transform Tameway Tower into residential accommodation.

A company called Prosperity Developments, submitted a planning application to Walsall Council to turn the site, located on Bridge Street, into 143 flats, which has now been given the go-ahead by officers.

Councillor Abdus Nazir, who represents the St Matthews ward, said: "Tameway Tower has traditionally been used as office accommodation but I think turning it into a residential site will make it look

better for the area. I think it is good news for Walsall because we have a long-standing problem with accommodation in the town centre that we are really trying to fix, so this will help a lot.

"It will also hopefully increase footfall to the shops around the town centre and in turn provide a boost to our economy."

The building, which is 14 floors tall, was originally built as office accommodation in the 1970s and is currently part occupied with offices on the lower ground and first floors and a number of empty floors that used to be used for offices.

A statement from chartered town plan-

ner John Jowitt on behalf of Prosperity Developments reads: "The proposal is not subject to any contamination issues or flooding and it will not give rise to any transport or highways issues, since the amount of parking required for office use of the space to be converted would be considerably greater than the proposed residential use."

When the plans were first put forward, safety around high-rise buildings needing to be made safe and secure in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster in London was raised as an issue by councillor Mohammad Nazir.

New M6 junction to bring in 4,200 jobs

A NEW Junction 10 of the M6 could unlock up to 4,206 new jobs by tackling congestion in the region.

The claim has been made as a planning application for the replacement junction goes out for consultation.

Highways England and Walsall Council are behind the £64million scheme.

It will see the existing roundabout bridges over the M6 demolished with two new curved four-lane bridges put up to replace them. It will also see the widening of the crossroads junction on the Black Country Route, the A454, at the turn off for Tempus Drive and Bloxwich Lane.

In a statement submitted as part of the application to Walsall Council's planning department, agents Mott MacDonald said the scheme was a 'transport priority' for local economic plans. It said: "The Strategic Economic Plan proposes that there are 10 key employment sites within a 10-minute drive time of the junction which have the potential to unlock 4,206 new jobs as well as 2,585 new homes.

Negative

"The implications of the project not proceeding is that congestion and journey time reliability will be negatively impacted and both jobs and housing development will be located elsewhere, having an overall negative effect on the economic success of the Black Country."

Around 8,000 vehicles pass through the junction every hour during peak periods. The new design will increase its capacity to 10,500 vehicles per hour. Improvements would also be made to the slip roads, modifications to adjacent local roads and the installation of new intelligent traffic signals.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, deputy leader and portfolio holder for Transport and Regeneration at Walsall Council, said: "The new chosen design is seen as the most effective at reducing congestion, offering the best value for money and will improve safety for all road users."

The project is being jointly funded by Highways England and Walsall Council via the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership. If consent is given, construction is due to start in late 2018.

Superstar Jacks gives masterclass



Brian Jacks, left, with Kevin O'Reilly

A JUDO legend – still remembered for his all-conquering performances on the TV show Superstars – has given a masterclass to students in Walsall.

The 70-year-old drew in enthusiasts from throughout the Midlands at Wolverhampton University's Walsall campus.

The event raised £180 towards Cancer Research UK and was organised by Kevin O'Reilly, a sen-



Jacks during the days of Superstars

ior coach with Wolverhampton Judo Club, Roger Houston, the sport's Midland Area chairman and Dave Elmore from the University.

Kevin said: "I heard he was in this country promoting a book and it was too good an opportunity to miss."

Jacks was the first Briton to win a medal at the judo World Championships, a bronze in 1967.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Consultation on stroke services

PEOPLE who may be affected by plans to transfer stroke services from Walsall Manor Hospital have been urged to have their say.

Bosses at the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the Manor, said earlier this year that hyper-acute stroke services at the site were 'unsustainable' and recommended that the service should be transferred to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust's New Cross Hospital.

People have until September 22 to fill out an online questionnaire and postal replies will be accepted until September 25. For more information, visit www.walsallcgh.nhs.uk

Budding scientist wins new laptop

A STUDENT won a laptop after winning the prize draw at a careers fair.

Kamran Hussain, aged 16, attended the event organised by Connexions Sandwell, to help him decide about his future after leaving Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy in Tividale.

The careers event attracted more than 700 young people and Kamran's name was selected at random from hundreds of entries. He said: "I really enjoy science so am thrilled to be going to Sandwell College to study A-levels in maths, physics and chemistry."

Dog and Partridge pub will be homes

ANOTHER Walsall pub has officially been consigned to the history books after council bosses agreed for Dog & Partridge to be converted into houses.

The venue at Sandwell Street, in Caldmore, has been shut for several years.

Earlier this year Birmingham-based developer LG Properties submitted a 'change of use' application to Walsall Council to convert the former boozer into four apartments.

The authority's planning department has now granted approval for the move.

Pupils take part in clean-up campaign

STAFF at a Walsall school have organised a litter pick in their community – and are inviting local residents to join them today, Thursday.

Palfrey Infants in Bescot Street will be patrolling the roads, during their lunch hour.

The pickers will include 15 children who make up the school's Eco team, and three teachers.

They also plan to do follow-up school work.

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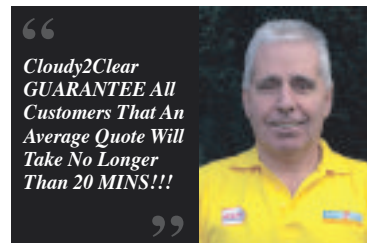
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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Rubbish system of these bin police

SOME things restore your faith in our public services, while others just leave you tearing your hair out.

On Saturday, I called in at my public library bang on 4pm, just as the doors were being locked. "Sorry, we're closed," said the librarian, which was fair enough. While it seems absurd that libraries now shut in mid afternoon, I knew the opening times, and had left it too late.

However, when I politely asked if I could return my books, she reluctantly relented, and I was out at 4.01pm. Nobody was really inconvenienced, and I went away with a higher opinion of the staff.

Now compare this with the "bin-spectors", who appear to be making a comeback across the region. Two local councils in the West Midlands recently announced they are employing folk to prod around our dustbins to see what is inside. Some people have reportedly been sent the characteristically pompous letters, in their trademark John Prescott grammar and pseudo-legalistic gobbledegook, threatening residents with fines of up to £2,500 and criminal records should they persist putting their rubbish in the wrong container.

These two stories show a marked contrast between the different attitudes which exist in local government. In the first instance, the librarian recognised that public service meant serving the public, in other words giving the punters what they want.

On the other hand, the "bin-spectors" – they hate that term by the way – and moreover, their employers, believe their role involves telling us what to do, or "changing attitudes and perceptions".

They are wrong. The council's job is to empty the bins. Not tell us how to use them.

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AFTER losing a bet, Birmingham City fan Joe Lombardi agreed to have a picture of Harry Redknapp leaning out of his car window tattooed on his ankle.

I've never really got the appeal of tattoos. If I'm going to allow my body to be used as an art gallery or advertising hoarding, the least I expect is for the exhibitors to pay for the space. Indeed, it could be a nice little earner, selling parts of your body for commercial sponsorship. I'm sure if the price is right, I can be persuaded to have Bill's Pizza or Acme Double glazing etched onto my bum.

But given that Blues are on their third manager in nine months, you can't help but think Joe will regret his decision sooner rather than later.

Wouldn't you just love to see Joe's face if Harry crossed the city to Aston Villa?

New warning of ballistic missiles getting closer



Florence Parly – warning over North Korea and building of ballistic missiles



Kate Middleton – expect lots of coverage as baby number three is on the way



Jeremy Corbyn talks proudly of defending "the right to a nomadic way of life."

Another good reason to get out of Europe

THE French defence minister, Florence Parly, warns that North Korea may be closer than anyone thought to building ballistic missiles capable of hitting Europe. Another good reason to be leaving.

HOW justice works. On the day this week that local councils unveiled plans to slap £2,500 fines on householders who overload their wheelie bins, the Ministry of Justice revealed that 437 people who admitted crimes including blackmail, kidnap, rape and child abuse have been let off with a caution. Surprised? Nah, me neither.

I SWITCHED on Call You and Yours (Radio 4) to hear a particularly nauseating example of that dreadful modern language we might call social workese. A caller, close to tears, described how her family had been shattered by the sudden death of a little child. The interviewer replied: "It must change the family dynamic." Ye gods and little fishes.

ANOTHER family dynamic is being changed. "We just can't wait to meet baby number three!" gushes the Daily Mail as Kate and William announce another pregnancy. Who might this "we" be? Even those of us who support a constitutional monarchy have had quite enough from the Windsor photo-opportunity factory for one year, thanks. On top of Prince Philip's retirement, Princess Di memories and wall-to-wall coverage of Kate and his girl, endless dissection of Kate's progress will give us all morning sickness.

ACCORDING to the latest British Social Attitudes Survey, for the first time ever more than half of adult Brits claim to follow no faith. Hal-

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lelujah. Losing our religions may be one of the main benefits of a multicultural society. There was a time when we all believed that kindness and charity flowed from the assortment of gods, prophets, saints and holy men we chose to worship. But in today's Britain we see people helping at disasters and being inspired not by Bronze Age superstitions but by common human decency. It is a sobering moment the first time a religious person sees an atheist putting his or her life on the line for others. To do good in the belief that you will be rewarded in heaven is fine. But doing good for its own sake, with no expectation of harps, angels and eternity, has got to be better. Religion divides, humanity unites.

AND off to the optician for a new treatment. This involves a tiny vibrator which is run along the rims of your eyelids, tickling your lashes and scattering the accumulated crud and eye-mites of many years. Ordeal by eyelid-tickler feels exactly as it sounds and if you don't squirm like a serpent and laugh like a drain throughout, then your giggle buttons probably need adjusting. It reminded me of that unfortunate incident at the dentist's as a small boy (when I was a small boy, that is, not the dentist). He was running the high-pressure water jet around my molars when he suddenly touched one end of a nerve which ran deep into the body. I instantly wet myself. I don't recall anybody laughing.

FROM time to time things go terribly wrong.

An airliner crashes. A block of flats goes up in flames. Girls are sexually abused by organised gangs. And then, after the initial shock, it is revealed that everyone knew there was a problem all along but everyone chose to look the other way. It's only after the event that we raise our hands in horror and demand to know why, when all was known, nothing was done. And if you want to see a new national scandal brewing, look no further than Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World (C5) where we meet children of nine and 13 who have never been to school and whose parents, being semi-literate, cannot possibly educate them.

THE problems caused by travellers are usually reported in terms of caravan invasions, intimidation, crime and the filth left behind. But this series is a reminder that parts of the Traveller community are not only troublesome but deeply troubled.

If you take your kids out of school for a few days in term time, the education authorities may well impose a steep fine or take you to court. Yet the non-attendance at school by thousands of traveller children is simply ignored. All politicians talk about the importance of education, freedom and the right to choose a better future. But on this issue, with generation after generation trapped in a no-hope web of illiteracy, those same politicians choose to look the other way and ignore child-neglect on a massive scale. Sometimes politicians even romanticise it. Jeremy Corbyn talks proudly of defending "the right to a nomadic way of life." What about the right of these traveller kids to choose another sort of life?

TALKING POINT



Loyalty to fat cats is costing our grannies

HOW would you feel if you heard that someone had ripped off your granny for £500? Then you found out that they had been dipping into her finances on an annual basis.

We are not talking about an opportunistic purse thief or even some doorstep con artist. This is happening perfectly legally... and it's a disgrace.

The culprits? The insurance industry. The fat cats who run this multi-billion pound industry know full well that many of their elderly loyal customers don't know their iPad from their elbow.

Apologies to the savvy silver surfers, but in an ageing society where many live into their 80s, 90s or even long enough to get a letter from the Queen, there are thousands of elderly people who never go online.

They don't own a computer and probably don't want to. It is difficult to tap away at a keyboard with arthritic fingers or peer at a screen when your eyesight is not what it was.

Many of these people belong to a generation when it was considered shameful to owe money or to even be late paying a bill. How times change.

But this means that they often fall foul of the automatic renewal, when the insurance company offers you another year of 'the same great cover' without any bother. Avoiding the 'bother' can prove costly, especially as loyalty appears to be a one-way street when it comes to the insurers.

Year on year those buildings and contents premiums increase. A person who set up a direct debit years ago could easily be paying £500 over the average deal available elsewhere.

Back in 2013, The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) admitted automatic renewal leads to customers being treated unfairly. But still it goes on.

New rules introduced this year have forced insurers to tell buyers at the renewal stage what their premium was the year before. The FCA say that measure alone should save consumers more than £100m, by alerting them to the scale of the premium increase.

But this will not alert everyone to how much less they could be paying for the same cover elsewhere.

The elderly are probably the worst hit group but any loyal customer who doesn't make price comparisons can be preyed on in this way. It is time our MPs took on the insurance industry to end this cynical exploitation.

Check your policy, particularly if you pay by direct debit and, if you have elderly relatives or friends, check their policy too.

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DI-why? When bodging attempts make such a mess of the garden

AS any competent tradesman will tell, his tool box doesn't lie idle for long, the old homestead will eventually reverberate to the sound of hammers and drills.

The timber garden furniture is looking decidedly shabby and rickety. So a trip to the DIY store furnishes the wherewithal to repair and modify the 20-year-old wooden chairs and table.

Not being a carpenter, more of a bodge it yourself type of bloke, I set to with a rip saw and claw hammer, after about what seemed like an eternity, the first chair was ready for varnishing.

If you ever have to attempt a Destroy

It Yourself job, be warned, the smaller the task, the more the mess, like an invasive cancer, the cut outs of timber, old screws and sawdust mingle in with the hand tools around your ankles, the dust sheet that you so carefully laid out on the patio is now wind blown, scattering wood chips onto the lawn, and your almost empty tin of varnish, has tipped over, swamping the open box of wood screws in a brown sticky liquid.

Her indoors hands me a mug of splosh. What, no biccies? "What did your last servant die of," says she. "Answering back," says I, and a screw-driver whistles past my earhole.

The mayhem and organised chaos

rolls on for a few hours, and eventually all four chairs, and the table have been well and truly cobbled up for another year.

I suspect with autumn's arrival, many more fellas will realise time is running out and as every bloke knows, the ladies that call the shots, I mean, if my old Dutch hadn't casually mentioned, with menaces, that it needed doing, the garden furniture would have fallen apart. Now it's finished I can relax in the knowledge of a job well done. "Tony, the fence panels need painting," Oh lord, here we go again.

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Population explosion is the most important issue

CLIVE Wood (Letters, August 29) shows how out of touch the Green Party is regarding the question of over-population. It is in truth the root cause of every major problem in the world today and if human numbers were fewer these problems would be far easier to solve.

Until the party realises this and brings the topic to the forefront of its manifesto it will remain the ineffectual and pointless organisation that it now is.

JOHN LESTER
Walsall

Bullies try to thwart will of the people

I WAS appalled to read 'Stand up to Brexit bullies' in your recent edition. The only bullies are the remaners trying every which way to thwart the will of the people. Everyone I know, young and old, and in between, voted to leave the EU. Watch your TV programmes, hundreds of young voted to leave, but of course, people have to have someone to blame for everything, and it is always the elderly.

The old, as Roger Watts so eloquently puts it, along with that oldie Vince Cable, have got what they needed by working very hard during their lifetime. They have got what they have by living within their means, not living on credit and only having things when they can afford it, then if they do not have the money they go without.

Of course Vince Cable will blame anyone who does not agree with their views. Have you not noticed, Roger Watts, the recent decline in their support? At one time the young could afford to buy a house - not so today, now the banks' big business in the EU hold everyone in this country to ransom. How dare you blame the elderly? They have worked hard in this country living through world wars to get this country back on its feet.

I sometimes wonder why they did this, just look around you - violence everywhere, no respect for others. Me, me, me, is the order of the day. Shame on you Roger Watts and that oldie you obviously support, Vince Cable.

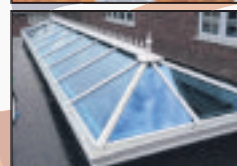
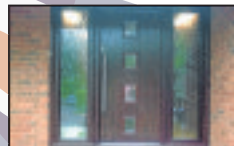
Where would we be today if the Germans had won, we would be under their thumb, oh, sorry, I forgot, we are! MRS C A HARRIS
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Rail firm's revenues up as franchise set to end

LONDON Midland saw passenger numbers and revenues improve in the run-up to losing its franchise.

The rail operator's control of the West Midlands rail service will end on December 10.

It will be handed to West Midlands Trains, which is a joint venture between Japanese and Dutch businesses, after 10 years being controlled by Go-Ahead-owned London Midland.

Now the transport group has confirmed that passenger numbers grew by 4.1 per cent in the year to July 1, with passenger revenue rising by 9.6 per cent to £339.6 million.

Its subsidy for the year was 67.3 per cent larger in 2017 than in the year before, at £87 million.

Chief executive David Brown said he was "disappointed" the company had missed out on the new franchise, and that it would affect next year's profits, but added that the company had done all it could to keep hold of the West Midlands routes.

That included free onboard entertainment systems and Wi-Fi.

The new operator has promised to invest £1 billion in the network, including new carriages and additional services to alleviate congestion on a variety of lines. The number of West Midlands trains travelling between Shropshire and Birmingham will double.

"London Midland and its people have been part of our group's rail business for 10 years," Mr Brown said.

"In that time we have delivered significant improvements across the entire network which have seen London Midland transformed into an award-winning franchise with high levels of employee engagement and customer satisfaction."



On track for change – a train operating in the London Midland livery

Two women in crash cut free

TWO elderly women had to be cut free from their cars and taken to hospital following a collision.

The crash, between a grey Renault and grey Citroen, took place on Mill Road, Sheffield in Walsall shortly after 2pm last Thursday.

Both vehicles were severely damaged, the Renault had its front wheel ripped away from the chassis while the driver-side corner of the Citroen was also badly crumpled. Two fire crews attended and had to remove

the doors from both vehicles to free both patients, whose injuries were not thought to be serious. Two ambulances attended and the women were taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

Police also attended and the road was closed off for more than two hours while the patients were tended to and the scene was cleared.

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Specialist search hounds – which are used to locate drugs, firearms and explosives – tend to be spaniels. Meanwhile German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Dutch Herders, are mainly used as standard police dogs.

A police spokesman said: "Fully vetted puppy walkers are responsible for homing their puppy, caring for their needs and crucially, helping them to socialise with people and other dogs." Anyone interested should email breed scheme@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk.

Market bid back in the pipeline for centre

PLANS to bring a permanent market to Walsall town centre are back on the cards despite stalling over the last two years.

In March 2015, Walsall Council pledged to relocate and improve the historic Walsall Town Centre Market to a permanent location on The Bridge, however delays have hit the project since then.

Now, a regeneration boss has confirmed that it is hoped work will start in spring 2018 to bring a new market to the town.

The council was awarded £2 million to carry out the project but only £90,000 has been spent so far on feasibility studies and designs.

Bosses were set to meet today (Thursday) at a corporate and public services scrutiny committee meeting to discuss the future of the plans and the delays so far, which have been blamed on changes in key personnel in the authority's regeneration and development services, as well as procurement advice that was not in line with the council's value for money policies.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, deputy leader of Walsall

By Jordan Harris

Council and portfolio holder for regeneration, said that for the plans to work properly, the authority will need the support of current traders. He said: "We are anticipating that we will start work in spring 2018 to bring a permanent market to The Bridge."

"There is still some consultation to be carried out with market traders and we really want them on board. "There have been delays along the way but we want to make sure when we get this done we get it done right."

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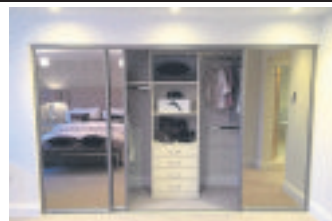


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Historic Hobut scores with World Cup contract



The winning Hobut team, from left, Mia Bradbury, Liam Harvey, MD Paul Collins, Trevor Wilson and Nicky Kaur

A WALSALL company is taking on 10 new staff after investing around £300,000 thanks in part to its work for the 2022 Qatar World Cup.

Howard Butler Ltd, known as Hobut, has been involved in a number of major construction projects for the World Cup.

It makes current transformers, shunts and instruments used in electrical control panels which are in high demand in countries expanding their electricity networks. It is now set to expand further after investing around

£300,000 in revamping its factory and hiring new staff.

The company has upgraded its production facilities in Lincoln Road and is also strengthening its engineering design department where two more new employees will be recruited.

Production

The 102-year-old company, which has already has a team of around 100 through its various departments, has invested £40,000 for a state-of-the-art IT system which is helping streamline production as well as £60,000 on new testing equipment.

Some £200,000 has been invested in expanding the factory, which has included new production lines.

Managing director Paul Collins said: "In the second quarter of 2017 we have increased sales by 15 per cent on the same period from last year.

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Former rehab centre demolished



A bulldozer seen in action at the former rehab site, Rushall Mews, which is making way for homes

IT was a once a rehabilitation centre which helped hundreds of patients get back on their feet but now the building has met the bulldozer after standing empty for five years.

Demolition work at Rushall Mews in Walsall got under way at the start of the week. The site at New Street, Rushall, has been cleared to make way for homes.

The centre, which was built in the 1980s, used to cater for people who had been discharged from hospital but it shut down in 2012 after being deemed no longer fit for purpose despite Walsall Council ploughing around £1m a year in to. The service – and funding – was subsequently trans-

ferred to Hollybank House in Willenhall while the move affected 59 staff who had to be transferred to the council.

It has stood empty since with locals describing it as an 'eyesore' but was cast back into the spotlight this year with an application to level the building and develop 26 homes.

But the proposal was met with its fair share of controversy. Councillor Richard Worrall expressed concerns on behalf of residents that dozens of trees would have to be cut down as part of the scheme while he among others raised issues with the fact that dozens of new homes would generate even more traffic to the area which is around the corner from the busy Lichfield Road.

Call on adverse reactions

PATIENTS who suffer bad reactions to drugs have been urged to report it as part of scheme which experts say could save hundreds of lives.

Pharmacists at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust are promoting the Yellow Card Scheme to collect reports of suspected problems or incidents around the world.

Three cases can trigger an investigation. The work is vital to the Medicines

and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in order to monitor the safety of all healthcare products in the UK to ensure they are safe for patients.

Reports can be made for all medicines including vaccines, blood factors and immunoglobulins, herbal medicines and homeopathic remedies.

Clinical

Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) can arise because some clinical trials which test drugs do not provide enough infor-

mation, they are too small scale, they exclude certain patients and only last for a short time.

Health chiefs have said reporting a bad reaction is vital for patient safety and is an effective method for providing data in special patient groups.

Senior Clinical Rotational Pharmacist Jagjit Kainth said: "While we have been promoting this within the pharmacy department at the Manor Hospital we want to get as many colleagues and members of the public involved as possible."

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High hopes as book exchange is opened



Vicki Amos with Councillor Chris Towe at Pheasey Library, which has been taken over by volunteers

THERE are high hopes for the future of a library building which controversially closed down earlier this year before reopening as a book exchange.

Pheasey Library, on Collingwood Drive, opened its doors on September 1 thanks to committed volunteers and community leaders who stepped in to save the facility.

Despite Walsall Council claiming it wouldn't close libraries prior to coming into power, a set of initial draft proposals released in October proposed 15 of 16 libraries across the borough would shut. However, in late January a draft budget compiled after a public consultation revealed that six of the 15 at-risk libraries would remain open. But this did not include Pheasey.

A 660-strong petition to keep the library open was handed to council bosses earlier this year but it failed to stop the move and the site closed in July. Now, after a push from volunteers and Councillor Chris Towe, the building hosts a book exchange which will open, initially, for two days a week, on a Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 3pm.

Police say victim was murdered inside car

A MURDER victim whose body was found in a car at West Bromwich police station was killed inside the vehicle, it is believed.

Police previously thought Harish Kumar had died 'some time' before being driven to the station in Moor Street. The news emerged at the opening of the 38-year-old's inquest.

The body of the father of one, from Willenhall, was discovered in the front passenger seat of a BMW in the station car park on August 10. He had died of a stab wound to the chest.

Charged

Mr Kumar was driven to the police base and officers on the front desk were told there was a body in the car. Sukhwinder Singh, aged 40, was arrested on suspicion of murder and later charged.

The defendant, from Macdonald Close, Tividale, has appeared before Walsall magistrates and at Wolverhampton Crown Court and is due to appear at crown court again on October 9.

A trial date has been pro-

By Lewis Cox

visionally set for January 29. Senior coroner's officer Stephen Binsley said it appeared Mr Kumar may have been killed in the vehicle.

No family members attended the hearing but it emerged that Mr Kumar's wife was in Australia with their son on a holiday visa at the time of his death.

Both are now home in India and preparing to fly to England to arrange his funeral, the inquest heard.

Mr Kumar, who shared a house in Rose Hill, came to the UK in 2011 and was working as a builder. Black Country coroner Zafar Siddique, sitting at Oldbury, adjourned the hearing.

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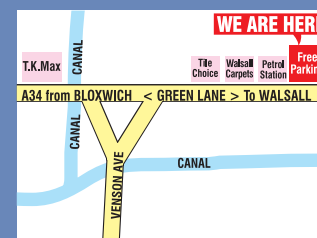
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14 Action call on sex acts in woods

The Chronicle Thursday, September 14, 2017

FURIOUS residents have called for action to tackle the use of a woodland area for sexual activities.

People are parking at a lay-by between Featherstone and Sharesill on the A460, before going into woodland off the busy road. More than 1,000 people have signed a petition demanding action.

Residents say they have seen 'up to 10' cars parked in the lay-by at night.

Jackie French said, after a meeting at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre: "People are really angry about this. It is disgusting and we have all seen what is happening there."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "We are going to work towards making this site safe and secure. We will do everything we can to ensure that."

Cenotaph restoration work now under way

RESTORATION work has begun to renovate Walsall's historic town centre cenotaph.

The monument, in Bradford Place, was unveiled in October 1921 and is currently undergoing a refurbishment.

The improvements include general repair, while conservation work is also being carried out thanks to a pledge from the War Memorial Trust.

Walsall Council said the work was part of ongoing refurbishment, rather than in response to any vandalism.

The site has been damaged and targeted by street drinkers in recent years, with damage caused to the wall that surrounds the monument in March 2016 – although that incident was eventually confirmed as accidental.

Last year, outraged bus drivers called for action over street drinkers



Site boss Ron Graham at the cenotaph

using the site – near to a bus station. A public drinking ban was later enforced through a Public Spaces Protection Order, which covered the town centre.

The cenotaph was designed by H N

Martyn & CO Ltd of Cheltenham and cost around £2,000. After it was announced on November 11, 1918, that the war was over, the council made a decision to build the memorial in Bradford Place.

Bronze tablets were also issued for the town hall, which listed the names of the dead. A total of £9,208 was raised, with the money also going towards memorials in Darlaston.

The cenotaph stands on the site where a bomb from the famous Black Country Zeppelin raids of January 1916 struck. Before the cenotaph was put in its place, £150 was spent on the surrounding area so that it would be suitable to host the monument.

Councillor Aftab Nawaz, who represents St Matthews, where the cenotaph is located, said: "I hope that when the work is done it will encourage people to respect the site even more."

Theatre fun in the open air



The open air production of Murder on the Terrace

OPEN air theatre graced Walsall Arboretum for the second time this summer – with a murder mystery keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats.

Heartbreak Productions's Murder on the Terrace centres on a posh garden party which descends into chaos when a Lord's nephew is found dead, poisoned.

A detective arrives to investigate and the audience is kept guessing as things become more and more farcical.

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Academy funding to provide state-of-the-art facilities

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Joseph Leckie Academy has been awarded £3.89 million for world class teaching and learning facilities.

Staff and students at Joseph Leckie Academy are celebrating the award of £3.89million from the Education Funding Agency which will be used to build a new teaching block. Contractors will be on site in January 2018 and the building will be completed in March 2019.

The new block will consist of 14 classrooms as well as small group classrooms and curriculum office/storage spaces. The classrooms will be used for teaching modern foreign languages, business studies, music, health, social and childcare and learning support / special educational needs. In addition to these classrooms there will be a new entrance / foyer and reception areas as well as administrative offices and reprographics facilities.

All of the new classrooms will be fully Wi-Fi-enabled and fitted with the latest smart boards and teaching walls so that teaching and learning is more active and interactive providing teachers with the potential to enhance and enrich the learning experience for all of the learners.

New landscaping and social areas to include seating, one or two multi-use game areas (MUGAS) and a running track will enhance the environment and the Academy. The Academy will also put in a bid next December for a further £4 million from the Education Funding Agency which if successful will provide



The £3.89million investment will be used to build a new teaching block

further state-of-the-art facilities for sixth form teaching rooms, private study and social areas, library/resources centre, dining, kitchen and administrative spaces.

Keith Whittlestone, principal, stated: "This grant of £3.89million will be supplemented by a significant amount from the Academy's budget to provide world class teaching facilities which will boost the students and staff alike."

"As a result of £3.89million of construction work, the East End of the main teaching block will be

demolished and replaced with a two-storey structure, which features modern heating, lighting and ventilation systems to ensure excellent energy efficiency.

"This investment in our Academy will further transform the learning environment for our students and their teachers. Ensuring that all of our students have access to the best possible facilities is part of our commitment to help them to reach their potential."

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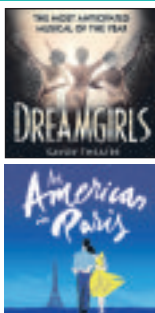
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Builders help couple out of very tight spot

It was a tight squeeze to say the least! But now a couple have breathed a sigh of relief after their tiny driveway was put right by builders.

Paul and Zena Jones found it almost impossible to get out of their cars because the drive of their new-build Great Barr home was so narrow.

But after taking their campaign to social media to highlight their concerns, developers found a compromise. And a wall to the neighbouring home has been moved away from the driveway. "We can de-stress now," said Zena. "It has taken a long time to get here. We are just grateful for the support."

The couple voiced their frustrations after claiming their driveway only measured 89 inches – or 7ft 4ins – wide. This left them struggling to open the doors of their Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen to get out.

Paul, aged 34, set up his own Twitter page – @DeerParkNoDrive – in a bid to highlight concerns. The couple moved into their home, in Deer Park Drive, in February this year. But when they first arrived on the day they received their keys they were shocked to find the narrow driveway.

"We pulled the car on and couldn't believe it. We couldn't get the door open," said Zena, aged 54. After the problems were highlighted through social media, contractors were called in to see what could be done.

Paul tweeted out his thanks after the work was completed last week.

A new pathway and resurfaced driveway was completed allowing more space for parking. A Taylor Wimpey spokesperson said: "We are pleased that we have been able to resolve the issue to the customers' satisfaction."



Tight fit – the seven-foot wide problem



Driving into space – after the revamp

Online business expands

POUNDLAND founder Steve Smith's expanding new online business has snapped up a 21,000 sq ft warehouse in the Black Country – just down the road from the £1-for-everything retail outlet he started in Willenhall in 1990.

Steve and his father sold the business 10 years later for £50 million and the entrepreneur has gone on to invest in a string of new business ventures.

But, in a return to his roots, he and his son Ashley are backing an online retail business called Poundshop.com, based in Exeter.

Headed by managing director Donna Baker, the company launched in 2014 and has now taken on a warehouse on the Parkway Industrial Estate, Wednesbury. A 10-year lease has been signed on the 21,463 sq ft unit.

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Giving children 'the best start in life'

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Commercial feature

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Dr Caroline Badyal, Chief Executive, said: "Our name 'Q3' embodies our ethos: to seek for that which is good, right and true. The Q3 Family currently has two Academies in the Trust, Q3 Academy Great Barr and Q3 Academy Langley; both Academies are vibrant and exciting places to learn and grow, where we strive for excellence in all that we do. "There is a relentless focus on high quality teaching and enrichment opportunities for every young person who joins the Q3 Academies Trust; we are determined to give our children the very best start in life.

Expectations

"Our academic achievements are impressive, and to support this we focus on character development and have high expectations of behaviour.

"Pastoral care is exceptional and the excellent relationships are a striking feature of our work, as we help students to develop mutual respect, empathy and care for others. We recognise that education is also about nurturing talent and every young person is encouraged to engage in the wide range of activities on offer across the Q3 Academies Trust.

"We have an outstanding team of staff who work tirelessly to challenge every student to be the 'best'; they have exceptionally high expectations of our young people.

"Strong, collaborative partnerships with our parents and carers contribute to the on-going success of their children. This relationship begins before entry to Year 7 to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

"You can only begin to understand our passion and commitment to excellence



Academic achievements at both of the Q3 academies are 'impressive'

by visiting our Academies; your choice of secondary education will be such an important decision for you and your child."

Mr Peter Lee, Head of School at Q3 Academy Langley, said: "It was incredibly exciting to open the first new secondary school built in Sandwell in the last 10 years, and as we enter our second year welcoming 240 new students into Year 7 in September 2017 we are very excited about the future of the Academy.

"Built on the site of the historic grammar school but offering a new building boasting state-of-the-art facilities, our new, refreshing, innovative and rigorous curriculum has already

attracted overwhelming interest both locally and nationally. Students will have an excellent transition from primary school, enabling all to make rapid progress as we have an unwavering belief that what happens at Key Stage 3 plays a vital part in a child's educational journey.

"Our unique Thursday afternoon offer of physical education and enrichment will ensure that students are given the time and space for building confidence, developing skills and trying a wide range of activities.

"We look forward to welcoming any prospective students and parents/carers and invite you to visit our open mornings from



Strong, collaborative partnerships contribute to the on-going success of children

Monday, September 25 to Friday, September 29 from 9.15am-11am and also our open day event held on Saturday, 30 September 30 from 1pm-4pm."

Mr Mark Arnall, Head of School at Q3 Great Barr, said: "We know that choosing the right secondary school can be a worrying time for students and their families.

"Our philosophy is simple. We want every child to feel happy and excited about coming to school. Only when each child feels secure and comfortable can we challenge them to grow and learn together.

"We want our students to return home telling

their families of the memorable exciting learning experiences they have enjoyed. Experiences that make it easier to recall the detail necessary for exam success and experiences that develop their character as much as their academic potential.

"Only if our staff can say that what we provide is good enough for their own children is it good enough for yours and I'm proud to say this commitment to care, coupled with high academic ambition is helping all our young people to flourish. You are very welcome to visit us to meet our greatest ambassadors; our students and staff."



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A train passing through the gap in Meadow View Terrace and the station



D-Day casualties passing through Tettenhall Station



Tettenhall Station on opening day in 1925 a steam railcar picking up passengers



Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre in the old goods depot



A watercolour of the derelict station by Ken Millard

Full circle as trains will be back on track in city

THE GWR's Tettenhall Station had a brief life, opened in 1925 and closed 40 years later, quickly falling into dereliction.

Now it has enjoyed a rebirth, with all the station buildings restored and enjoying new uses. The line through Tettenhall was started in 1913, but the war held things up. It was revived after the war and opened in 1925, with a steam rail-car running passenger services. At Tettenhall the line ran through the Meadow View terrace of houses, three of which were knocked down to accommodate it.

There were two long platforms and a footbridge, which was taken away when passenger services ended after only seven years, and a second set of rails were never laid. Behind the main platform was a coalyard and beyond that a Goods Depot with a siding passing through it, and a 30-hundred-weight crane inside to unload straight to trucks backed into the side door.

From 1932 the line became goods

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

only, especially coal trains running north from Baggeridge Colliery. There were occasional passenger trains, Sunday School Specials to the seaside, and the station enjoyed two moments in the limelight.

When the Royal Show was held at Wrottesley Park in 1935, everything came through Tettenhall Station, hundreds of animals, and all the farm machinery, so an extra temporary platform and siding had to be laid.

Then just after D-Day, casualty trains began to arrive, and fleets of ambulances took the wounded away to hospitals throughout the region.

The Tettenhall Line was closed in 1965. The buildings remained derelict for some time, but then in the 1970s Wolverhampton Council bought the land to turn it into the Smeaton Valley Park, and a walking and cycling route through Wombourne and beyond.

The Park Rangers took over the old

ticket office at the end of the platform, and the former waiting room and stationmaster's office, and the old Goods Depot was used for occasional storage. Then in 2014 cutbacks meant the rangers moved out, but at the same time the resurgence of the station began.

A voluntary group, took the lease on the goods depot, to create the Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre, a volunteer-run charity dedicated to preserving the story of the city's transport.

Within months the building on the platform was opened as Cupcake Lane cafe, and on August 26 this year the ticket office became Weybridge Lane gift shop. The resurgence of the station has encouraged greater use of the Smeaton Valley Park by walkers and cyclists, and to celebrate the new life breathed into the station, steam trains will return on September 24. The Wolverhampton Model Engineering Society will lay down a temporary track once again, and give passenger rides at Tettenhall once again.



Sarah Pritchard on a wartime firewatcher's bicycle

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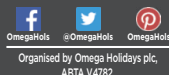
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Brass in charity's pocket after band tours cities

MUSICIANS went two and a half days without sleep to complete 52 performances in 62 hours – raising cash to the tune of more than £5,000.

The group, including Halesowen musicians Mark Sharman and Nicola Redhead, had set a target of £4,000 from the challenge of playing in every English city for 10 minutes.

Starting and ending at Birmingham, they performed in the Second City twice, making it 52 performances in all. They travelled across 2,000 miles and collected £5,100 for Cancer Research UK.

Others in the group were Darren Selby from Great Wyrley, Stafford Grammar School's director of music, Gavin Lamplough, Andrew Dickinson of Tamworth and Halesowen pair Mark Sharman and Nicola Redhead.

Trumpets

Mr Lamplough said: "It was brutal. We never thought it would be so tough. We were literally going non-stop for three days to keep to our schedule and hit the target. But the generosity of people along the way was really humbling."

The members of Salvation Army's Birmingham Citadel Band graced the likes of Wembley and The Oval with their trumpets, trombone, horn and tuba.

Match of the Day, Grandstand and Test Match Special tunes were included in their repertoire, along with hymns and anthems linked with particular cities, clubs or sports.

They also visited Molineux, Lichfield Rugby Club, Edgbaston, Bristol City FC, York racecourse and went as far as Truro, Norwich, Portsmouth and Carlisle during their travels.



The band outside Molineux



Striking up a tune at Edgbaston



The quintet at Aston Villa's Villa Park ground

"We have loads of memories but one of the highlights was arriving at Brighton Football Club in the dark at 3am and being welcomed by a security guard, who turned on the floodlights and gave us a tour of the ground," added Mr Lamplough.

"We then performed a concert on the pitch just for him, which included

a rendition of 'Sussex by the Sea'. It was surreal. We feel very fortunate that we stumbled across a fundraising idea that captured the imagination and generosity of the public."

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It's hard work but we were obsessed

Strictly Come Dancing made them household names. But Vincent and Flavia have outlasted the BBC's number one family show by hitting the road for a series of UK tours.

They are back on the road with a new production, Tango Moderno, and will headline Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday until September 23 – with extra matinees on Wednesday and the Saturday.

Tango Moderno is the irresistible new stage spectacular from tango superstars Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.

Dance partners for over two decades, world champions, Strictly favourites and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia plan to fuse Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine tango to give fans a performance that smoulders with desire.

Their latest show follows the successes of Midnight Tango, hailed as 'a triumph' by the Daily Telegraph, the 'utterly unmissable' Dance Til Dawn (Smooth Radio) and the 'fabulous must-see' The Last Tango (Radio Times).

Flavia says the dancer's fourth show will give fans something new. "It's always important to try something we've not done before. The fourth time round is difficult because we've done so many different stories."

"But we wanted this show to be more modern, more up to date, so the music will be a little more recognisable, particularly by the younger generation. It's music from the radio, it's set in an urban city and it's got that contemporary vibe. There'll be a story and we'll be part of the narration."

PASSION

Vincent added that dance was his great passion – but staying focused for a long UK tour was always tough. "Motivation is the hardest part, to be honest. All the people that dance and do this job will agree. When it's live on stage it's great because you connect to the normal people. They are the people – mums, parents and so on – who keep you going."

"And that's great because they keep you sane. You suffer from solitude quite a lot because you're away every week at different hotels. Sometimes you wake up and think 'where am I?' because we travel so much."

Putting together a major new show is tough. It takes weeks and weeks of 10am-to-6pm rehearsals before a technical week ahead of the first show. Flavia says: "You have really long days and there is a bit of adrenalin and nerves. Once the show's up and running it eases off. We tend to do a half-hour warm-up before every show. We have a little time off and people do their own thing, going to the gym, resting or walking. You learn to do that, or you take a massage or see the physio."

Vincent moved to the UK when he was 17 to follow his dream of dancing.

"I wanted to become the best in the world, as everybody else does, so I moved here. It was a coincidence that I met Flavia, who was Italian and moved here at the age of four."

"Every day, we had dance lessons and were training. Our lives were really about that, you know, about competitions and trying to win. We wanted to get into the final and get the world championship. That was our lives."

The couple then got asked to do a couple of performances on Strictly before the show's producer asked them to become a part of it full-time.

Flavia said: "We didn't know how big the

Partners through time – Vincent and Flavia love dancing together



show was. Even now, I can't believe we've been through all of that. It was amazing."

Vincent says: "Before we were famous in the ballroom world and we could walk the high street. Now people stop us and want to have a photo. It was a shock to the system. Since then, we've never looked for work, it's come to us. We didn't think 'shall we do theatre?' The producers came to us and here we are."

Flavia adds: "It's been a long road and initially during the first part of our careers it was a hell of a lot of sacrifice. You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life. We were obsessed with the weekend being about travelling to an event and a competition and paying a £40 entry fee."

"Then at 10am we'd do round one and come out at 10pm in the evening. That was the weekend gone. Then it was dance lessons, practice rehearsals and training. Now we look back and it's 'wow'. We wouldn't do that again. My niece is dancing these days but I am so not-pro

You think back and realise how hard you worked and that we didn't have a life

dancing. I know how hard it is and what you have to go through. I'm trying to sway her off. It's really hard work. I know the sacrifice young people have to make in their teens and 20s. It can affect lots of things in later life. But it's worked for us and we've kept going and gone from one thing for another. We were lucky, things could have been very different. We don't regret anything."

The couple have visited Birmingham on plenty of occasions and always feel at home in the Second City. They're looking forward to their return and will be out and about in the city's restaurants and shops.

Flavia says: "We love Birmingham and are always happy to come up there. I remember places because of the shopping. I try to go to Lasan every time, if my husband comes up. He loves Birmingham too and studied there."

Vincent adds: "I used to buy, buy, buy. I'd buy one for the stage and one for myself. My wardrobe is exploding. So no more shopping. There might be a beautiful leather jacket, however, so you never know."

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Legend to enjoy Darkness and Light at his concert

Acclaimed, multi-platinum selling, Oscar, Golden Globe and Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter John Legend brings his 'Darkness and Light' tour to the Arena Birmingham on Wednesday.

Featuring the singles Surefire and Love Me Now, the album Darkness and Light was released to critical acclaim in December 2016.

Since its release – the fifth studio album from the American singer – Legend has co-executive produced and starred in the box office smash musical La La Land, which has gone on to win seven Golden Globe

Awards and six Academy Awards. He also performed the title track to the recent Disney live action remake of Beauty and the Beast with the increasingly popular Ariana Grande.

It's worth getting to the Birmingham city centre venue early to catch support from husky-voiced singer-songwriter Jack Savoretti, who won lots of new fans with his albums Written in Scars and Sleep No More.

Tickets for the Barclaycard Arena date are on sale, starting at £51.53, from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222.

A musician faces greatest challenge

Tom Kempinski's award-winning play Duet For One, about a talented musician struck down by a debilitating illness, is being staged at Birmingham Rep from September 22 to October 7.

In this powerful, moving and at times poignantly funny play, Stephanie Abrahams is a brilliant concert violinist who seemingly has it all, but is forced to re-evaluate her life by a shock diagnosis.

Faced with a truth too difficult to comprehend she consults psychiatrist Dr Feldmann, resulting

in a duel between two razor-sharp minds in Kempinski's ultimately life-enhancing tribute to the human spirit.

The play, which was inspired by the life of cellist Jacqueline Du Pré, premiered at the Bush Theatre in 1980 with Frances De La Tour and David de Keyser and had great success in West End and Broadway runs.

It also had a major revival in 2009 starring Juliet Stephenson and Henry Goodman.

The film adaptation of Duet For One, released in 1986, saw Julie Andrews nominated for the Golden Globe for Best Actress.

Jemma Redgrave was billed to play the role of Stephanie Abrahams but had to pull out of the production due to ill health.

Now the part is being played by Belinda Lang, pictured above, familiar from her TV roles in 2point4 Children and Second Thoughts.

She last trod the boards at Birmingham Rep in East is East.

Oliver Cotton, best known for his role as Cesare Borgia in BBC series The Borgias, will play Dr Feldmann.

Book tickets online at birmingham-rep.co.uk/duet or call 0121 236 4455.



Gary is gagging for new tour date

Stand-up comic Gary Delaney is bringing his There's Something About Gary show to Stourbridge Town Hall on Saturday.

The Solihull-born comic, married to fellow comedian Sarah Millican, is the only comic ever to have got two gags in the top 10 for Dave's TV Funniest Jokes. His last tour took in more than 200 venues. Delaney, a double Sony Award winner, is a regular on TV's Mock the Week.

Tickets fcost £15. Call the box office on 01384 812812 or see www.boroughhalls.co.uk website.



In the Nik of time for Kershaw's Robin gig

Singer Nik Kershaw will perform in Bilston later this month. The 56-year-old idol of the 80s, whose debut album Human Racing gave him his first UK top five hits with I Won't Let The Sun Go Down On Me and Wouldn't It Be Good, will be appearing at The Robin 2 in Mount Pleasant on Sunday, September 24.

Advance tickets are £25 from the box office on 01902 401211 or online at www.therobin.co.uk, or £27 on the door.

Other gigs to look out for include traditional 70s-style rockers The Quireboys at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms this Saturday, the same night Nick Dagger brings The Counterfeit Stones to the Robin 2. Deborah Bonham is at the Slade Rooms next Friday, September 22, the same night Big Country, with singer Simon Hough, are at the Robin.

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Even Better Than the Real Thing (BBC1, 7pm)
Paddy McGuinness presents performances by some of the UK's best tribute artists, beginning with doubles of Whitney Houston, George Michael, Little Mix, Amy Winehouse and Bruno Mars, who perform individually and in never-before-seen duets. At the end of the show, the studio audience gets to vote on their favourite act of the night.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News. Weather. **1.15** Live PDC Darts Champions League. Coverage of four group-stage matches. **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.40** Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme. **6.10** **Pointless Celebrities.** TV experts Kieran Long, Piers Taylor, Martin Roberts, Amanda Lamb, Vicki Butler-Henderson, Tiff Needell, John Hammond and Laura Tobin compete in the unorthodox quiz show. (R) **7.00** **Even Better Than the Real Thing.** Paddy McGuinness presents some of the UK's best tribute artists, beginning with doubles of Whitney Houston, George Michael, Little Mix, Amy Winehouse and Bruno Mars. **8.00** **Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time the champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Last in the series. **8.45** **Casualty.** Dylan's attempt to reunite Sanosi with his uncle does not go according to plan, while Alicia wants to learn to drive, but a crash course with Elle ends in an accident. **9.35** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes ends up at the wrong venue after trying to gatecrash Maria's hen party. She then tries to impress the bride-to-be's mother during a dinner date, but the evening ends in chaos. (R) **10.05** **BBC News.** Weather. National Lottery Update. **10.25** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Watford v Manchester City at Vicarage Road and Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City at Wembley Stadium. **11.55** **People Just Do Nothing.** Grindah goes on his stag night, but ends up having cold feet while Beats makes a mistake when booking the stripper. **12.25** **Film:** The Uninvited. (2009) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The NFL Show. (R) **6.30** How We Won the War. (R) **7.00** **Film:** My Favorite Wife. (1940) A man remarries seven years after his wife's disappearance – then finds his life thrown into turmoil by her unexpected return. Screwball comedy, with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. **8.25** James Mason: Talking Pictures. (R) **9.05** **Film:** Hotel Reserve. (1944) Thriller, starring James Mason. **10.30** Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo. (R) **11.00** Coast. (R) **12.00** Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. (R) **12.45** Triathlon: World Grand Final. Ore Oduba introduces coverage of the season finale in Rotterdam, featuring the men's and women's elite races. With analysis by Annie Emmerson and Vicky Holland. **5.15** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. (R) **6.15** **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and his platoon set up an observation post in the local lighthouse, but manage to annoy ARP warden Hodges by inadvertently flooding the whole town with light during an air raid. Comedy first shown in 1970, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **6.45** **PDC Championships League of Darts.** Jason Mohammad presents coverage of four further group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. This session will see the four winners from this afternoon's clashes face each other, while the four losers from those contests will be involved in the other games. **10.15** **The A-Z of Later – with Jools Holland: From Adele to ZZ Top.** Highlights from the past 25 years of the music programme, including the TV debuts of Adele and Amy Winehouse, as well as performances by Sting, Chrissie Hynde and Rag 'n' Bone Man. **11.45** **Film: The White Countess.** (2005) A relationship develops between a blind former American diplomat and a Russian refugee in 1930s Shanghai. Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson. **1.50** **Film:** Renoir. (2012) The elderly impressionist painter finds fresh inspiration in a model, but his son falls in love with her. Drama, with Michel Bouquet, Christa Theret and Vincent Rottiers. **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Oddbods. (R) **7.20** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Pangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** The X Factor. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing: Live at Doncaster. Including coverage of day three of the St Leger meeting in Doncaster. **4.00** **Film:** Bean. (1997) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** **The Family Chase.** **7.00** **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup. **8.00** **The X Factor.** Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to impress judges Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger, Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell and win a recording contract. **9.15** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by some of the stars of The Great British Bake-Off, with old hand Paul Hollywood and new presenter Noel Fielding dropping in to discuss the current series in its new home on Channel 4. Jonathan also chats to the cast of spy comedy sequel Kingsman: The Golden Circle, welcoming Taron Egerton, who reprises his role from the original film as trainee spy Eggsy, and a trio of Oscar-winners in the shape of Jeff Bridges, Halle Berry and Julianne Moore. Craig David completes tonight's guest list, and performs live in the studio. **10.20** **ITV News.** Weather. **10.35** **Film: The Nutty Professor.** (1996) Comedy remake, starring Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Coburn. **12.20** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.40** Triathlon: Victoria-Gasteiz. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **12.25** F1 Meets Jackie Stewart. **12.55** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the Singapore Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.45** World's Most Expensive Cars. **4.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R) **6.30** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Dunkirk: The New Evidence.** Documentary examining the famous Second World War evacuation of Allied soldiers – codenamed Operation Dynamo – from the beaches of Dunkirk, France, between May 26 and June 4, 1940. Recently released Ministry of Defence files reveal that, far from being absent as many historians have believed, the RAF was suffering massive losses supporting the evacuation. Operating at high altitude and deep inside France, RAF planes were halting the bulk of Luftwaffe bombers before they could reach the beaches. The files also reveal that the famous Spitfire took flight for the first time during the mission, and the agile fighter was a spectacular success. (R) **8.00** **WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails.** New series. Monty Halls reveals stories of Allied soldiers who escaped from Nazi territory during the Second World War, starting with the most successful mass escape of Allied POWs. **9.00** **Film: Super 8.** (2011) A boy and his friends sneak out at night to film an amateur zombie movie, only to witness a train derailment. As people start disappearing from their town and the military descends in force, they come to realise a dangerous alien was being transported on the train and is now on the loose. Sci-fi thriller, starring Joel Courtney. **11.20** **Film: The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones.** (2013) **1.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. **4.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.55** Animals Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.20** **Film:** Columbus: Grand Deceptions. (1989) **1.15** **Film:** Columbus: Murder, Smoke and Shadows. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **6.05** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Max and Steve try to recover almost £2,000 owed by the owner of a bridal shop in London, while officers Gary and Cona in Kent chase over £4,000 of vet fees after two neighbouring dogs got into a fight. Elsewhere, agents in south west London, agents try to collect almost £11,500 owed by a small business. (R) **7.00** **Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up.** One-off edition in which the High Court enforcement agents are caught in the crossfire of three bitter family disputes, including a debt-dodging mother who pushes his panic-stricken mother over the edge. Plus, a family booted onto the streets at night by a ruthless aunt, and a man who won't engage with the agents and loses his car. (R) **8.00** **The Great Fire: Death and Destruction.** The worst day of the inferno, revealing how St Paul's Cathedral burned so fiercely its stones exploded and Pudding Lane baker Thomas Farriner made sure no blame landed on him. (R) **8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Barnsley v Aston Villa at Oakwell, Hull City v Sunderland at KCOM Stadium, and Millwall v Leeds United at The Den. **10.00** **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Blackburn Rovers v AFC Wimbledon, and Lincoln City v Mansfield Town. **10.30** **The NCIS Movie: Legend.** Feature-length episode. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team on an investigation that escalates into a high-priority case, and Tony begins to pry into Ziva's life. (R) **12.05** Cricket on 5. **1.05** SuperCasino. **3.10** Ring of Fire.

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BBC Four **7.00** The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** Timeshift: The People's Liners – Britain's Lost Pleasure Fleets **1.30** A Very British Map: The Ordnance Survey Story **2.30** Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **3.30** Close **ITV2** **12.00** **Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** **Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **2.10** The X Factor **3.15** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** **Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008) **5.25** FYI Daily: King Kong (2005) **6.25** FYI Daily **6.30** **Film:** King Kong (2005) **9.00** **Film:** The Fast and the Furious (2001) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** **Film:** The Fast and the Furious (2001) **11.10** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Juice **2.05** Bromans **3.00** Teleshopping **ITV3** **12.00** **Film:** Carry On Matron (1972) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** **Film:** Carry On Matron (1972) **1.50** Wycliffe **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4** **11.45** Pawn Stars **3.25** **Film:** The Pink Panther (1963) **4.25** FYI Daily **4.30** **Film:** The Pink Panther (1963) **5.45** **Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** **Film:** Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **7.45** Live Boxing. Callum Smith v Erik Skoglund. **11.30** **Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **2.30** FYI Daily **12.35** **Film:** Tango & Cash (1989) **1.40** The Classic Car Show **2.35** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4** **12.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.00** Streetmate **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Bad Teacher (2011) **10.50** Naked Attraction **11.55** Celebs Go Dating **3.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube **Film4** **11.00** Marmaduke (2010) **1.00** The Rugrats Movie (1999) **2.35** The Three Musketeers (1973) **4.45** Field of Dreams (1989) **6.55** Dante's Peak (1997) **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) **11.10** Nina Forever (2015) **1.15** Black Swan (2010) **3.30** Close

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Richard Madden
Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker (Channel 4, 9pm)
New series. Sci-fi anthology series featuring stories based on the works of Philip K Dick. The first story is set in a strangely archaic future city, following a devastating meteor shower that has wiped out much of the world's technology. The cataclysm has also led to the development of a breed of telepathic mutants, and as tensions arise between the new race of 'teeps' and the remnants of humanity, war seems inevitable. The only hope of stopping the conflict falls with a human and a teep struggling to suppress their feelings for one another.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Fake or Fortune? (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** How to Stay Young. (R) **5.35** Invictus: Battle to the Start Line.
6.35 **BBC News.**
7.00 **Regional Programme.**
7.00 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison celebrates the Lake District becoming a World Heritage Site, examining the factors that allow an area to become a protected landscape and examining how local people have shaped the national park. Plus, a look ahead to this year's Children in Need Big Rumble with a father and son who are raising money for the charity, and details of how viewers can take part in the event.
8.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate the first work of sculpture featured on the show, an unusual piece called The Gazing Head, which may have been by Alberto Giacometti in 1930s Paris. The quest to uncover the truth is complicated by the fact that the sculpture was once broken into several pieces by a cat. Last in the series.
9.00 **Strike – The Silkworm.** Conclusion of the two-part adaptation of JK Rowling's detective novel. Strike and Robin become suspicious of Fancourt after he makes a revealing mistake during a TV interview, while an encounter at a party leads to further suspicious revelations. The authorship of the fatal novel comes under question, and a literary analyst is called in to examine the test. Matthew is less than happy to discover that Strike and Robin are working together again, while Leonora discovers a mysterious purchase was made on the family credit card.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Regional Programme.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.
11.30 **Fugitives.** (R)
12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** PDC Champions League of Darts. Coverage of the concluding group-stage matches from Motorpoint Arena in Cardiff, as the second staging of the competition featuring the world's top eight players continues. **4.30** Tribes. Predators & Me. (R) **5.30** Top Gear. (R)
6.30 **PDC Champions League of Darts.** Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the semi-finals and final from Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena, as the players to have progressed through the group stage hope to claim the £100,000 first prize. These matches will take place over the best of 21 legs, as the winner of the second staging of this tournament is set to be decided.
10.00 **Film: Risk.** (2016) Premiere. Documentary following Wikileaks founder Julian Assange over the course of six years during his political asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London, as he sought to avoid extradition to Sweden on sexual assault allegations. The programme examines how Assange's situation impacted on the organisation and movement he had created, and the conflicts and contradictions within his inner circle.
11.25 **Film: The Devil's Double.** (2011) An Iraqi soldier is forced to become a double for Saddam Hussein's sadistic son Uday to distract assassins. His new role plunges him into a world of depravity, as he becomes a first-hand witness to the acts of murder and violence Uday routinely indulges in. Drama, starring Dominic Cooper, Ludvine Sagnier and Philip Quast.
1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a new run of topical debate in which a panel of politicians and other guests face questions from the audience. Stratford in east London is the location for the first show, with guests including novelist Will Self. (R) **2.10** Holby City. As Gus's behaviour becomes increasingly erratic, Zosia's concerns put her in an impossible position, and Doña is shocked when her patient has a surprising visitor. (R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

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6.35 **Regional Programme;** Weather.
6.45 **ITV News;** Weather.
7.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard's edition of the quiz, in which Professor Green, Sair Khan and Sean Kelly answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.
9.00 **Victoria.** The royal court celebrates the birth of the Queen's second child, but Victoria alone is unhappy as she struggles to bond with her newborn son. A crisis compels Albert to return to Coburg, separating the couple for the first time since their wedding, and on his arrival, he learns a terrible family secret that leaves him plunged into torment. Skerrett makes a disastrous mistake that puts Francatelli in jeopardy, while Drummond's relationship with Lord Alfred comes under threat by a reluctant revelation.
10.05 **ITV News;** Weather.
10.20 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the cases of six children killed in a house fire that may not have been an accident and a woman who suffered a brutal attack in her own home. (R)
11.20 **Liar.** (R)
12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Last Man Standing. **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Build-Up. A look ahead to the race. **12.35** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 14th race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.10** Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix Live Reaction. In-depth analysis of this afternoon's race. **4.15** The Crystal Maze. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year.** George Clarke presides over the final categories, for eco-friendly and budget sheds, before the judges decide which of the eight finalists is this year's winner. Last in the series.
8.00 **Speed with Guy Martin: F1 Challenge.** The motorcycle racer joins a Formula One pit crew during the 2017 Belgian Grand Prix, learning the split second timing that allows a team to change four tyres in 1.92 seconds.
9.00 **Electric Dreams: The Hood Maker.** New series. Sci-fi anthology series based on the works of Philip K Dick. In the aftermath of a catastrophic meteor shower, war brews between surviving humans and telepathic mutants.
10.10 **Lee Mack: Hit the Road Mack.** The comedian performs at London's Hammersmith Apollo in a show from his 2014 tour. (R)
11.05 **Film: Slumdog Millionaire.** (2008) An uneducated teenager from the Mumbai Slums is only one question away from winning a quiz show, but the authorities are reluctant to believe a youngster from such a humble background could succeed without cheating. Under questioning, he tells a police inspector the eventual story of his life – and how he came to know so much. Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel and Freida Pinto.
1.20 The Supervet: Bionic Specials. The owner of a one-year-old cat born with deformed front legs hopes Professor Noel Fitzpatrick will be able to fit it with two new bionic feet. (R) **2.15** Gillette World Sport. **2.45** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.10** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.10** Building the Dream. (R) **5.05** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.30** Too Many Cooks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Floogals. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** **Film: Open Season.** (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **4.45** **Film: Annie.** (2014) Premiere. Musical remake, starring Quvenzhané Wallis and Jamie Foxx. **5.45** 5 News Update. **5.50** **Film: Annie.** (2014) Premiere. Concluded.
7.05 **Before They Were Stars.** Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (R)
8.00 **Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights.** Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the third round of matches, including Northampton Saints v Bath, Worcester Warriors v Exeter Chiefs and Wasps v Harlequins.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **How Magic Changed TV.** The story of magic on television, examining the challenges of performing illusions for a TV camera that can see everything. Some of the most successful modern magicians reveal the performers who inspired them, and take a look back at how performers like Paul Daniels, Penn & Teller, Derren Brown, David Blane and Dynamo transformed the art form.
11.05 **When Magic Goes Wrong.** Illusions that went spectacularly badly, including stories of magicians' brushes with death, as well as mishaps involving Dynamo, Paul Daniels and David Blaine. (R)
1.45 SuperCasino. **3.10** Gotham. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Last Night of the Proms from Around the UK **8.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **10.00** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **10.55** Clara Bow: Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess **11.55** Precision: The Measure of All Things **12.55** Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting **2.25** Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum **3.20** Close
ITV2
11.40 The X Factor **12.55** Take Me Out **2.10** **Film: Step Up 2: The Streets** (2008) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** **Film: Step Up 2: The Streets** (2008) **4.15** **Film: The Smurfs** (2011) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20** **Film: The Smurfs** (2011) **6.20** **Film: Evan Almighty** (2007) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25** **Film: Evan Almighty** (2007) **8.10** **Film: Gravity** (2013) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15** **Film: Gravity** (2013) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
2.05 **Film: Carry On Up the Jungle** (1970) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15** **Film: Carry On Up the Jungle** (1970) **3.55** **Wycliffe** **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsummer Murders **9.00** Tonight at the Palladium **10.00** Kate: The Making of a Modern Queen **11.00** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **1.10** The Knock **3.00** Mr Selfridge **4.15** Griff's Great Britain **5.05** Judge Judy **5.25** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.30** Pavin Stars **7.00** Fishing Allstars **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.00** **Film: Airplane!** (1980) **10.10** FYI Daily **10.15** **Film: Airplane!** (1980) **10.50** Car Crash Global **11.50** **Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration** (2009) **1.10** FYI Daily **1.15** **Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration** (2009) **1.50** River Monsters **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.50** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** Streetmate **12.30** My Hotter Half **1.40** **Film: Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** (2004) **3.25** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** **Film: Home Alone** (1990) **10.00** Naked Attraction **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Don't Tell the Bride **3.05** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks
Film4
1.00 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) **2.50** Carry On Spying (1964) **4.35** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) **6.25** Battleship (2012) **9.00** The Mechanic (2011) **10.50** Welcome to the Punch (2013) **12.50** The King of Comedy (1983) **3.05** Close



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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Drive Angry, Channel 5, 11.05pm
 A man breaks out of Hell when a satanic cult murders his daughter and kidnaps her baby. The infernal escapee pursues the leader of the fanatics, who plans to sacrifice the child to gain ultimate power – but he is being followed in turn by an agent of the Devil sent to take him back to his damnation. Fantasy thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Amber Heard and William Fichtner. (2011)

TUESDAY
The Deadly Room: Garage Sale Mystery III, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 Jennifer Shannon has a keen eye for a bargain, picking them up at garage sales and selling them for a tidy profit in her own shop. But she also has a nose for a mystery, which comes in handy when she uses her intuitive skills to investigate her friend's death in a multi-million-dollar home with a dark history. Crime drama based on Suzi Weinert's novel, starring Lori Loughlin and Brendan Meyer. (2015)



Drive Angry, Monday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
My Mother's Secret, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 Adopted teacher Lauren Coulson tries to find out more of her family roots, and soon uncovers her father in prison for killing her grandfather. He claims he is innocent and her weak and frightened biological mother refuses to tell what she knows. Further impediments seem intent on preventing Lauren from finding the truth. Thriller, starring Nicole de Boer. (2012)

THURSDAY
Abducted Love, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 After her husband is abducted on his way to work, Ann Bradshaw and her teenage daughter Casey find themselves in danger when they help the police investigate the kidnapping. Thriller, starring Daphne Zuniga and Nicole Munoz. (2016)

FRIDAY
A Few Best Men, BBC1, 12.05am
 An Englishman proposes to his Australian girlfriend, but the antics of his three best men turn the wedding into a disaster. Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (2011)

It's a dog's life for the doctor as the series returns

Will we ever grow tired of Dr Martin Ellingham and his adventures?

It's 13 years since the first series of Doc Martin aired, and our love for it continues to grow. In fact, it's been somewhat painful to be without new episodes during the past couple of years.

But now Martin Clunes and the rest of Portwenn's familiar faces are back for a new run, which will also see Sigourney Weaver reprise her guest role as an American tourist, and Clunes' old Men Behaving Badly sparring partner Caroline Quentin return as eccentric vet Angela Sim. Art Malik is also set to pop up as a visitor with intriguing news.

For Clunes, returning as the grumpy medic was a no-brainer – he describes playing him as “the best job in telly,” adding, “what could possibly match this: staying in the West country, surrounded by dogs and people I like?”

“I really love doing this. I love everything about it. I love being in

Cornwall, even though I hate being away from home. If I have got to be away from home then I'd be here. I love being near the sea. I love being out of cities.”

Clunes, along with his wife Philippa Braithwaite, is one of the show's producers via their company Buffalo Pictures, and as a thank you to the people of Port Isaac, where the programme is filmed, they have set up a trust fund to help pay for a few local amenities, including a new car park – after all, the hundreds of people who come to watch them film have to be able to put their vehicles somewhere.

“The crowds who come to watch have to be marshalled but we have not shied away from it because the village is such a part of the series,” says Clunes. “It never bothers me to see the crowds watching us filming. I talk to them, I look at their dogs. The most helpful thing is the dogs. You don't have to talk just about the fact you're on the telly, you can talk about the dogs.”

As you can probably tell (if you weren't already away), Clunes is mad about canines. Sadly, his alter ego can't stand them, so imagine his horror when the Doc is forced to take in Buddy after his wife Louisa tells him that having a dog will be good for their son James Henry.

“The Doc is making a real effort to make things work between him and Louisa, and to be a better husband and father.

“As ever the Doc would rather nothing changed, and is resilient to the notion of change almost for the sake of it, but he sees that having the dog living with them is something Louisa wants, and is ultimately supportive, and actually allows a dog into the house.

“But the introduction of the dog is a token,” adds Clunes. “It's a trial period with strict parameters, and when no-one is looking he throws the dog out...”

Will Buddy eventually win him over? Let's hope so for all their sakes.



Martin Clunes stars in Doc Martin, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
W1A, BBC2, 10pm
 For a while, it seemed that we had seen the last of Ian Fletcher and his Head of Values team. For two years we've been without their hapless machinations brightening up our screens – had bosses at the Beeb decided that the mockumentary's antics made them look foolish? Perish the thought! Thankfully it seems they do have a sense of humour and are happy to poke fun at themselves because the sitcom is back for a third series this week. Once again Hugh Bonneville plays the nice but mostly completely ineffective Ian, who must find a way of making the BBC's new mantra of 'doing more of less' work. As ever, he is assisted – or more often than not hampered – by a motley group of individuals played by Sarah Parish, Jessica Hynes, Jason Watkins, Hugh Skinner and Nina Sosanya.

TUESDAY
Robson Green's Coastal Lives, ITV, 8pm
 You don't need to trek to far-flung lands to witness incredible sights and people, as this series proves. This week the presenter travels to the island of Anglesey, off the north coast of Wales, to meet a

family who live in an ancient fisherman's cottage in the Menai Straits that they have restored. Robson also meets a woman who has left her stressful life in the city to set up a paddle boarding company on the island. And he chats a couple who have spent 12 years renovating their dream cliff top home with spectacular views over the Irish Sea.

WEDNESDAY
Bad Move, ITV, 8pm
 Jack Dee may have started out as a stand-up comedian, but in recent years he's dabbled in the sitcom world. Power Monkeys, Josh and Lead Balloon. Now he's back with Bad Move, in which he stars alongside Kerry Godliman, who's best known for playing Hannah opposite Ricky Gervais in Derek. They play married couple Steve and Nicky, who have both been wed before but are feeling a little fed up with their lot. As a result, they decide to swap their city life for a new existence in the country - and soon with they hadn't. The first episodes of sitcoms are rarely hilarious, serving only to introduce the characters and the premise, but this one shows

plenty of promise, and we look forward to seeing how it develops over its six-part run.

THURSDAY
The Supervet, Channel 4, 8pm
 New series. Noel Fitzpatrick and his team return to provide more cutting-edge animal care, beginning with a dramatic emergency. Staffordshire bull terrier Lulu has been hit by a car and had her pelvis smashed into more than 25 pieces. The professor's only option is to pin the larger pieces back together in an operation that will require all his expertise. Noel and his team also treat a giant schnauzer called Florence who has a sore knee, and a Jack Russell called Muffin who has a problem with her back legs.

FRIDAY
Celebrity 5 Go Motorhoming, Channel 5, 8pm
 The warm and gentle four-part

series reaches its destination this week and who would have thought that following five ageing stars of stage and screen in their motorhomes would be so much fun? The final leg of their journey sees Lesley Joseph, Don Warrington, Melvyn Hayes, Nick Heyward and Cleo Rocos reach the Isle of Skye, or as the Vikings called it, the Cloudy Isle – and the weather certainly lives up to its name. High on the spirit of adventure, the famous five are determined to have a good time and, over a cup of tea and an impromptu jam, the bond between actor Melvyn and 80s pop star Nick is cemented. Meanwhile, Lesley, Cleo and Don spend a day driving around Skye searching for the island's beauty spots, before Cleo rustles up a feast for the friends back in camp.

Celebrity MasterChef, BBC1, 8.30pm
 The three remaining celebrities take part in the Masterchef final. In the first round, they must take on one of the toughest challenges in the competition – The Chef's Table, hosted by Michelin star chef Jason Atherton. Then, it's back to the Masterchef kitchen to present a three-course meal to John and Gregg for the final time, before one of the celebrities will be crowned Masterchef champion. Last in the series.

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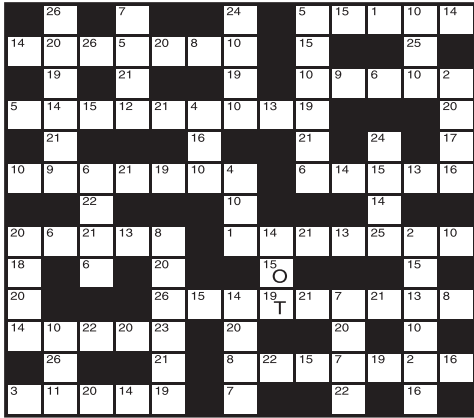
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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

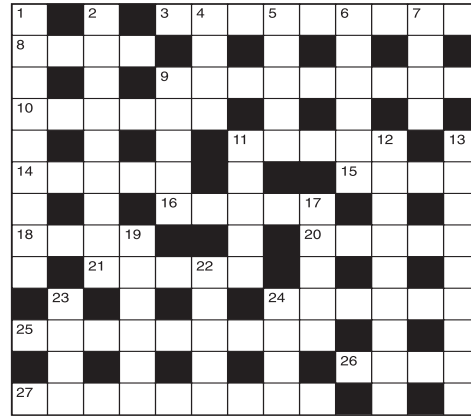
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Grieved because date with Cliff completely spoilt (9)
- Get a dirty look and stagger back (4)
- Strengthen power to check a horse (9)
- He helps the golfer - make the boulder expire! (6)
- Fear of adder (5)
- Striker in a game (5)
- Enjoy being similar (4)
- Will marry - but not under their own steam (5)
- Charge to a holy island (4)
- Agree could be keen (5)
- Have black wood by one (5)
- The proletariat apparently consists of 1000 donkeys! (6)
- Tried best room to rent (3-6)
- There's some lack of coherence in this area (4)
- I'd enter now as chairman (9)

Down

- It's a crime to make letters strike-bound (9)
- The way the boss speaks is over grave (9)
- Released without charge (4)
- Obviously not the outside shell of a big ship (5)
- From the choir in our church or All Saints (6)
- Engrave, and so on, with hot tip (4)
- One side is correct, it would seem (5)
- Wordy apportionment to husband (5)
- Far from pleased with sets I'd dug out (9)
- Newspapers indeed put one in low spirits! (9)
- Exclude beard (5)
- Sailor employs corrupt practices (6)
- Famous now Edward has gone (5)
- Well loved, but at some cost (4)
- Intend to be stingy (4)



Quick Clues:

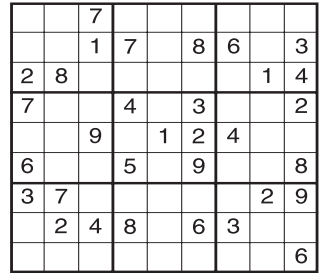
Across

- Helplessness (9)
- Implement (4)
- Monetary (9)
- Diminish (6)
- Feeling (5)
- Suffice (5)
- Box (4)
- Attain (5)
- Society (4)
- In front (5)
- Carrying chair (5)
- Flowing (6)
- Tasty (9)
- Couple (4)
- Verbosity (9)

Down

- Sports (9)
- Agreement (9)
- Chief (4)
- Speechify (5)
- Surplus (6)
- Applaud (4)
- Ague (5)
- Killed (5)
- Short-lived (9)
- Preying (9)
- Pulls (5)
- After (6)
- Dress (5)
- Nothing (4)
- Ado (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

4	6	5	9	3	8	7	2	1
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2	8	1	3	5	4	6	7	9
5	4	9	7	1	6	2	8	3
6	3	7	2	8	9	1	5	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Cuff; 3 Barracks; 8 Ream; 9 Compared; 11 Intersection; 13 Adrift; 14 Stroll; 22 Suspense; 23 Onus. Down: 1 Cardinal; 2 Flatter; 4 Adores; 5 Repetition; 6 Cargo; 7 Side; 10 Profitable; 12 Playboys; 15 Ovation; 16 Smacks; 18 Orals; 19 Odes. QUICK - Across: 1 Pail; 3 Reminder; 8 Loot; 9 Protude; 11 Indoctinate; 13 Torrid; 14 Simper; 17 Cheerfulness; 20 Breathe; 21 Fair; 22 Desolate; 23 Else. Down: 1 Palliate; 2 In order; 4 Errors; 5 Intangible; 6 Doubt; 7 Reek; 10 Accidental; 12 Preserve; 15 Prevail; 16 Affect; 18 Heeds; 19 Aged.

Quiz

- What does the acronym 'laser' stand for?
- What do the initials AM stand for?
- Who wrote The Chimes in 1844?
- What type of bath did its inventor design for his 15-month-old rheumatoid arthritic son?
- What is the capital of Zimbabwe?
- What is a sidewinder?
- Who is seventh in line to the throne?
- What is a tamarack?
- What is sometimes called the fourth estate?
- Who wrote A Town Like Alice in 1949?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Robert Powell; 2 Carp; 3 1997; 4 Four; 5 Ling; 6 100; 7 Natalia Makarova; 8 Buckingham Palace; 9 La Traviata; 10 Joseph. Niner: SUBALTERN

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a hostile outburst,
gives a gesture,
gives a hostile comment.

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A real taste of the Deep South

AN authentic taste of the American south, but in an unexpected place – Hickory's Smokehouse.

I was there not just to sample the food, but to experience the place. It had burned down almost a year ago, and greatly missed by the community, has been rebuilt again from the ground up.

Hickory's in Kingswinford is now every inch the typical Deep South American smokehouse, but with a few unique differences. Entering the restaurant you can't help but notice the homage to the fire that transformed it; a stencilled phoenix takes pride of place, painted on the centre wall.

BOOTHES

Cosy red leather-clad booths accommodate parties of up to 12, and we were seated in one that gives us one of the best views in the house. The snazzy bar to the right gives customers the chance to sample the cocktails, while the small cinema gives children the chance to watch a film before their food arrives.

Table tennis is on offer in the garden – the perfect antidote to the abundant portions and there's an open-pit cooking spicy sausage.

Though it's one of a chain of six restaurants around the country, it doesn't feel like one. The décor is kitsch and fun. It's comfortable and cheerful.

We were spoilt for choice when we checked out the menu. For starters, I went for the home-baked American pretzel with garlic dip, while my boyfriend David goes for the Louisiana seafood gumbo. When both dishes arrive we (by that I mean I) decide we'll share. The gumbo was a spicy paella-esque bowl of goodness, just the right size, complete with prawns, mussels, perfectly-cooked rice and a sauce with a spicy kick.

The waiting staff, attentive and pleasant can't do

Hickory's specialises in meat platters



Back where it belongs – Hickory's in Kingswinford



enough for us, and advise to have the Smokehouse Platter. Three different types of ribs, brisket, pulled pork with beans and in-house smoked sausage, it's served with skin-on-fries, coleslaw and pickles.

When it came out on a board almost as big as our kitchen worktop, we momentarily regretted ordering the starters. But the brisket was so tender, the Kansas-style barbeque glazed spare ribs so flavoursome, we couldn't get enough of them.

The staff are very knowledgeable in not only where the meat comes from – a family butcher based in Flint – but

also the best kind of hot sauce to go with it. David is braver than I am, trying the searingly hot psycho juice that immediately turned his face pink, while I stuck with the CaJohns sauce. There's so many to choose from, I lose count. But if condiments aren't really your thing (which they aren't to me) then the meat itself was tasty and tender enough to go without.

We asked for a break between courses, and the staff were more than happy to oblige, praising our attempt to finish off the main. But there was a dessert I'd had my eye on from the start. We ordered the cinnamon

sugar-coated churros and I go for the S'mores. This is described as a crushed ginger nut biscuit base topped with melted chocolate and toasted marshmallow. Upon first bite, it seems incredibly rich, almost sickly. But three bites in and I was addicted.

Next time I think I'll opt for a smaller main, just to make sure I fully enjoy it and finish the other courses. But then again, they do offer doggy bags so you can take away a bit of Louisiana with you. The bill came to £60.95 – not half bad for more than half an animal and two other courses besides.

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With gas central heating and double glazing it has a deep canopy porch, an entrance hall with stairs off, a cloakroom/WC, a rear lounge, front facing dining room, a breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, a matching utility area, study, conservatory, four well proportioned bedrooms; the master having an en-suite bathroom, a family bathroom, detached double garage, driveway parking and landscaped front and rear gardens.

In more detail the entrance hallway has tiled wood-effect flooring. The lounge has a contemporary fireplace with a flame-effect gas fire. The dining room has wood-effect laminate flooring, as does the study.

Having double doors through to the conservatory with tiled flooring, the L-shaped breakfast kitchen has a range of wall and base units with work surfaces over, a range of integrated Bosch appliances including an electric oven, microwave, fridge, dishwasher and gas hob with an extractor over. This opens to a utility area with a door to the side, units, a built in Bosch freezer and space and plumbing for a washing machine.

Upstairs, bedroom one (with en-suite bathroom) has a range of fitted bedroom furniture and wood-effect laminate flooring.

The three remaining bedrooms also have wood-effect laminate flooring.

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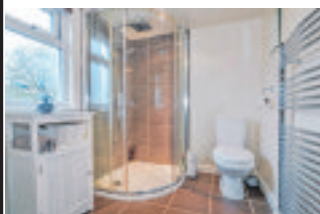
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- Entrance Porch
- Lounge
- Dining Room

- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway

\$119,950

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**PELSALL
CHAPEL STREET**



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- Kitchenette

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£195,000

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Fibbersley, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton **£199,950**

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Helenny Close, Wednesfield **£195,000**

	2		3
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Pooles Lane, Short Heath, Willenhall **£195,000**

	2		3
	1	EPC	D

Honeybourne Way, Kingfisher Estate, Willenhall **£189,950**

	2		3
	2	EPC	D

Perth Road, Summer Hayes, Willenhall **£160,000**

	1		2
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Welland Grove, Kingfisher Estate, Willenhall **£159,950**

	2		3
	1	EPC	D

Beccles Drive, Willenhall **£155,000**

	1		2
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Leven Drive, Coppice Farm Willenhall **£140,000**

	1		2
	1	EPC	C

Stroud Avenue, Willenhall **£135,000**

	1		3
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Yale Road, Willenhall **£130,000**

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	1	EPC	C

Yale Road, Willenhall **£122,500**

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£148,000 / £153,000

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EPC D68

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Investment

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Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Shower Room, Rear Garden –vacant
Epc: D.68, E.41

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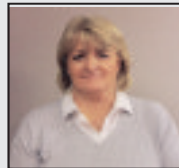
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**Dene Croft
Bloxwich**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- Garden

£134,950



Energy Rating - B

NEW

**Stamping Way
Bloxwich**

- Semi Detached House
- Gas Centrally heated
- PVCu Double Glazed
- Rear Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Detached Single Garage
- Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

£150,000



Energy Rating - TBC

NEW

**Nursery Road
Bloxwich**

- End Town House
- Front lounge
- Re-fitted breakfast room/ Kitchen
- 2 Large Double Bedrooms
- Partly tiled Shower Room/ WC
- Brick built store, Gardens
- No Onward Chain
- Gardens

£110,000



Energy Rating - D

NEW

**Ryle Street
Bloxwich**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Parking Space
- Gardens

£125,000



Energy Rating - D

NEW

**Sutton Road
Walsall**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage
- Driveway
- Gardens

£335,000



Energy Rating - E

NEW

**Lichfield Road
Willenhall**

- End town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Gardens, garage
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Parking

£145,000



Energy Rating - E

NEW

**Harden Road
Walsall**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking and gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Garden

£120,000



Energy Rating - D

REDUCED

**Chillenden Court
Willenhall**

- Second Floor Flat
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Kitchen, lounge/ Diner
- One bedroom
- Bathroom/WC
- Communal gardens
- Communal Off Road Parking, No Onward Chain

£60,000



Energy Rating - C

**Daw End Lane
Rushall**

- Modern First Floor duplex Apartment
- Double glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Entrance Hall/Stairs
- One Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Bathroom/WC
- Rear Garden
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£68,950



Energy Rating - C

REDUCED

**Stanley Road
West Midlands**

- Semi detached house
- PVCu double glazed
- Gas centrally heated
- Lounge/diner, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage, driveway
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- Garden

£115,000



Energy Rating - D

REDUCED

**Stanley Street
Walsall**

- Semi Detached House
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Front Lounge
- Rear breakfast kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway and gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£124,950



Energy Rating - E

**Park Hall Close
Walsall**

- Top floor apartment
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Garage
- Communal Gardens

£125,000



Energy Rating - D

**Lancaster Place
Bloxwich**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- lounge, kitchen/diner
- 3 bedrooms
- bathroom
- separate WC
- Garden
- Garage/parking

£125,000



Energy Rating - B

**Havergal Place
Shareshill**

- Ground floor apartment
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Garage and parking
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£139,950



Energy Rating - D

**Dalton Road
Walsall**

- Extended Semi Detached House
- PVCu double glazing & gas central heating
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Secluded Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul-de-sac location

£155,000



Energy Rating - D

**The Oaks
Bloxwich**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Garage, parking
- gardens

£199,950



Energy Rating - D

**Long Lane
Great Wyrley**

- Traditional extended semi detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory, Utility Room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom, Driveway
- No Onward Chain

£224,950



Energy Rating - E

**Lichfield Road
Rushall**

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- Majority PVCu double glazed
- 3 reception rooms, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms
- bathroom/WC
- Driveway and gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£225,000



Energy Rating - E

**Stafford Road, Newtown
Great Wyrley**

- Traditional Cottage style detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, Farmhouse kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway
- Garden
- Outbuildings

£250,000



Energy Rating - D

**Westminster Road
Rushall**

- Detached bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen
- dining room (alternative bedroom 4)
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- bathroom/WC, Garage
- driveway gardens

£259,950



Energy Rating - C

**Dukes Grove, Off Stafford Road
Bloxwich**

- Detached dormer style bungalow
- Gas centrally heated
- Double Glazed
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Large Kitchen/Dining Area
- 3 bedrooms, Bathroom/WC
- Indoor swimming Pool
- Garage, driveway, gardens

£299,950



Energy Rating - D

**Long Lane
Essington**

- Detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- 4 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Driveway, gardens
- Recently refurbished

£299,950



Energy Rating - C

REDUCED

**Bealeys Close
Bloxwich**

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Gas Central Heating, PVCu Double Glazing
- Lounge, Dining Room, Study
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite Bathroom
- Family Bathroom, Detached Double Garage
- Driveway
- Private Rear Garden

£340,000



Energy Rating - B

**Stafford Road
Bloxwich**

- Extended Detached Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloakroom, Conservatory
- Six Bedrooms, Three En-suites
- Family Bathroom, Large Driveway
- Rear Garden
- No Onward Chain

£450,000



Energy Rating - D

**Paddock Gardens
Walsall**

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- 5 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Double Garage
- Driveway
- Large Rear Garden

£600,000



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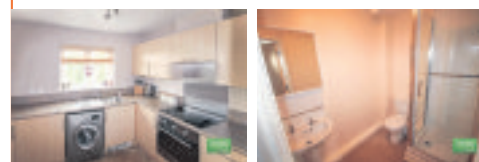
£650 PCM



Field Road, Bloxwich

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge with Patio Doors to Rear Garden
- Bathroom with Shower Over
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Car Parking Spaces to Front
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers.
- EPC 82

£595 PCM



Squires Grove, Willenhall

- Top Floor Furnished Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Allocated Off Road Parking.
- Sorry No DHSS
- EPC 75

£595 PCM



Brunswick House, Solihull

- TWO BED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- En-Suite Shower
- EPC

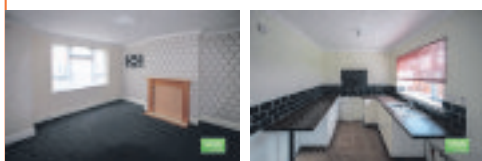
£750 PCM



Pendlebury Close, Walsall

- ONE BEDROOM PENTHOUSE APARTMENT
- D.Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge with French Doors
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC 83

£525 PCM



Broad Lane, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Off Road Parking
- EPC 67

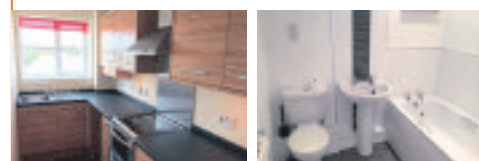
£560



Prince Street, Walsall

- Three Bedroom End of Terrace
- double glazing
- gas central heating
- Front Reception Room
- Rear Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- DHSS Accepted
- Sorry No Pets/Smokers
- EPC 60

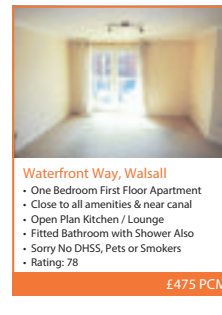
£475 PCM



Pendlebury Close, Walsall

- One Bedroom 2nd Floor Apartment
- Lounge with French Doors
- Kitchen with Appliances
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Secure Intercom Access
- Family Bathroom
- Shared Rear Garden
- Rating: 83

£450 PCM



Waterfront Way, Walsall

- ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
- Close to all amenities & near canal
- Open Plan Kitchen / Lounge
- Fitted Bathroom with Shower Also
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Rating: 78

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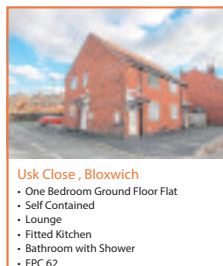
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●Guide Price £130,000 PLUS

This three bedroom detached property is set on a generous corner plot in the popular residential area of Willenhall. The property is in need of modernisation. At the front of the property there is a drive providing off road parking as well as a garden which extends around the side of the property. At the rear of the property there is a well maintained garden.

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Formans Road Sparkhill

14th Sep 11am and 19th Sep 3pm



●Guide Price £79,000 PLUS

Situated in a popular residential area this two bedroom terraced property is in need of modernisation throughout. The property does benefit from double glazing and is within walking distance both a primary school and community collage.

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Prince Street Walsall

Mon 18 Sep and Sat 23 Sep at 10am



This three bedroom end terraced property is ideally located with easy access to the M6 providing a transport link to Birmingham. The property is already fitted with double glazing and central heating but does require some modernisation.

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18th Sep and 23rd Sep at 11.00 am



●Guide Price £110,000 PLUS

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18th Sep and 23rd Sep 10:30am



●Guide Price £65,000 PLUS

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Hawbush Road Walsall

18th Sep and 23rd Sep 11:30am



●Guide Price £55,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is ideally located within walking distance of the Forest Arts centre. The property is in need of modernisation throughout and is ideally suited towards an investor.

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Goldsmith Road Walsall

18th Sep and 23rd Sep 12pm



Situated in a popular residential area this three bedroom semi detached property does require modernisation throughout but does hold a lot of potential for an investor.

●Guide Price £65,000 PLUS

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18th Sep and 23rd Sep 12:30pm



●Guide Price £69,000 PLUS

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18th Sep and 23rd Sep 1pm



●Guide Price £72,000 PLUS

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Duster making its mark among SUVs

Having sold over two million units since launch, Duster, a vehicle with an international calling, has become one of Groupe Renault's top-selling models. Dacia's SUV has made its mark in its segment.

In seven years, it has won over customers looking for a versatile, reliable and affordable vehicle. Duster's powers of attraction are practically limitless. Its highly attractive price, top-level off-road abilities, robustness and design leave no-one indifferent. Read on to find out more about a revolutionary model that has carved out a special place in the wide world of SUVs.

Marketing an SUV at the price of a city car was a bold move. When Dacia made that move in 2010, it hit on a major success. The theme of affordability was the focus of the Duster ad, in which a somewhat caricatural couple ask about the price of Duster after test driving it.

When told that prices start at €11,900, the customer is offended: "You don't think we're going to spend so little?" The Dacia Duster phenomenon was born.

The model sold over 450,000 in three years. Building on that success, the brand launched a restyled Duster in 2013 that met with the same enthusiasm, the car's now enviable popularity being expressed from 2016 on in the advertising slogan, "Another one drives a Duster".

Duster's price was clearly important at a time of economic crisis, but the car's success cannot be reduced to its attractive price alone. The model's intrinsic all-terrain qualities have also contributed largely to its success. The car's design leaves no room for doubt as to



The model has sold over 450,000 in its first three years and a restyled Duster was launched in 2013

its SUV nature. Without being over the top, the styling is that of a true 4WD model. The front end exudes a sense of robustness. The wide, curvaceous wings, double light units and protective bumper clearly express the car's SUV DNA. The raised ground clearance, large wheels (16") and multiple protective features

invite drivers to venture out on the toughest roads and tracks.

The interior is equally outstanding, with a modern, functional and modular cabin. And the impertinence of Dacia's SUV does not stop there, as it features C-segment equipment at B-segment prices.

With the launch of Duster, Dacia confirmed its boldness, first seen six years earlier with the release of Logan. The Dacia brand became a benchmark in new approaches to automotive consumption.

It shook up established cues once again with the launch of Duster, a true, roomy and

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As with all Dacia models, Duster targets customers looking to buy a fairly-priced car, an affordable vehicle with the equipment responding to their needs. In addition to its affordability, the brand moved into a new territory: the SUV market. This served to win over new customers looking for a car with real all-terrain abilities. These new customers include first-time buyers and those who would otherwise have bought a used car. With a new market and new customer base, the Dacia brand is perpetuating its success and even bringing together its own community. The Dacia community organises picnics that every year draw thousands of people in many of the brand's countries. Dacia customers are true fans, highly active in the social networks. More than simple customers, they are the brand's best ambassadors.

Duster was created in response to an observation: a need exists worldwide for roomy, robust and affordable 4x4 cars. But at the time that need was mostly unfulfilled. Which is why Dacia came up with a world first and developed an SUV primarily targeting developing markets.

The needs of European motorists were also taken into account from the start of the project. In Europe, Dacia's success demonstrates customers are looking for modern, reliable and affordable cars. But as a whole, the 4x4 offer, though broad, is more about ostentatious and expensive models – often not adapted to off-road use – rather than functional and affordable all-terrain vehicles.

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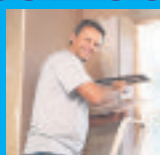


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Striker Jimmy Murray, who got two goals himself

How the Express & Star's Sporting Star newspaper reported the remarkable scoreline from Wolves in 1962



Ted Farmer, who in four years, netted 57 goals for Wolves



Wolves captain Bill Slater holds the FA Cup aloft in 1960

Gr-eight way to kick off season as Wolves fly high

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

It was back on August 18, 1962, that the Molineux men began their season with victory over Manchester City

OPTIMISM, enthusiasm and excitement are the emotions all football fans deserve to feel at the start of a new season.

But you can't help but feel that positivity is in short supply for supporters of Yeovil after they saw their team thrashed 8-2 by Luton in their first game on August 5.

The Hatters ran riot on the opening day to send a message to their League Two rivals, and they are now in contention with the top teams of the division.

But they are not the only side to kick off a new campaign in such convincing fashion, as Wolves fans can testify.

Rebuild

It was back on August 18, 1962, that the Molineux men began their season in similar style with victory over Manchester City.

Eager to make up for a disappointing 18th-placed finish in the First Division the previous year, Stan Cullis opted to rebuild his side with the emphasis on youth.

Youngsters Fred Goodwin and David Woodfield

were handed their debuts for what marked Ron Flowers' first game as Wolves' captain.

And while it was a day where everybody shone, it was Ted Farmer who grabbed the headlines after he notched four stunning goals.

It took the striker just two minutes to break the deadlock - with Farmer latching on to Flowers' throw-in before calmly slotting the ball past the keeper.

Jimmy Murray tapped in for a second when he con-

nected with Alan Hinton's low ball into the box. But it then looked like City would make a fight of it when Wolves' George Showell inadvertently diverted the ball into his own net.

Wolves moved to quickly to deny the visitors hopes of a fightback when Farmer again found the target with a crisp finish just before half-time.

But immediately after the interval, Cullis's side took charge with Wolves grabbing three goals between the 47th and 51st minute.

The first arrived when Terry Wharton drove home from close range. Farmer then sealed his hat-trick with another impressive finish.

The forward then grabbed an assist, which was no doubt just called 'a pass' in those days, when he teed up Hinton for a simple close range finish. From this point, a City side with no answers saw Wolves take complete control.

They made it seven when Farmer sent Hinton away down the wing with his cross then being met by Murray for his second of the game.

Then with 10 minutes to go, Farmer completed the rout with yet another neat finish. Wolves season saw them finish in fifth place, with Everton champions.



Ted Farmer scoring after just two minutes against Manchester City

Boxing pundit Bunce back for city encore

RENOWNED boxing pundit Steve Bunce will return by popular demand to the ECC Sports and Social Club in Wolverhampton next week.

Bunce's one-man show returns for an encore at the venue on Showell Road on Wednesday.

The 54-year-old is a regular presence on television with broadcasters BoxNation, BT Sport and BBC Sport, along with writing for magazine Boxing Monthly and a host of national newspapers.

London born and bred but now living in Lichfield, Bunce has more than 30 years of experience and has covered the sport for five separate Olympic Games and in excess of 50 shows in Las Vegas.

He will talk freely during his speech and then front questions from the audience. Signed copies of his latest book 'Bunce's Big Fat Short History of British Boxing' and first novel 'The Fixer', will be on sale at £20 the pair.

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MP: Take gambling logos off club shirts

TOM Watson has called for a ban on betting firms sponsoring football shirts as Labour pledged to tackle the 'hidden epidemic' of gambling addiction.

The West Bromwich East MP and Labour deputy leader unveiled the policy as part of a series of proposals aimed at protecting children from early exposure to betting.

Mr Watson, who is also the party's shadow minister for digital, culture media and sport, said a Labour government would encourage the Football Association to implement its own ban but was prepared to legislate if necessary.

"Football has to play its part in tackling Britain's hidden epidemic of gambling addiction," he said. "Shirt sponsorship sends out a message that football clubs don't take problem gambling among their own fans seriously enough. It puts gambling brands in front of fans of all ages, not just at matches but on broadcasts and highlights packages on both commercial television and the BBC."

Retiring Motty set for date at Banks's

JOHN Motson's retirement season will take in an after-dinner date at Walsall Football Club.

The legendary commentator hangs up his mic at the end of the season after 50 years in the game. Before then, the 72-year-old will use his famous tones at the Banks's Stadium's WFC The Venue on Thursday November 16. Motson began his career with the corporation in 1968, initially as a presenter on Radio 2. Three years later, he joined the Match of the Day team and remained there ever since.

He will have completed his 47th season when he finally hangs up the headset, having commented on more than 1,500 games for television and radio. He has also covered European Championships and World Cups for the channel, the Euro 2008 final being his last live broadcast.

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Winger Till has spark to beat Spartak

Barnt Green Spartak 0 Walsall Wood 1
A SPIRITED rearguard performance by lowly division 2 side Spartak saw them frustrate high flying Wood for 70 minutes in this FA Vase tie.

But with the game moving towards a stalemate and, possibly extra time, a piece of sublime skill by Peter Till saw him finally break the deadlock.

After just two minutes Paul Sullivan ran into the right of the box and lobbed the advancing keeper Colin Matthews, but Aussie James Karanicholas got back to hack the ball clear off the goal line. Then Till fired a low drive that was deflected narrowly wide.

Matthews denied Joey Butlin, Mitch Tolley and Lewis Hayden, but Wood keeper Lloyd Ransome was beaten by a 25-yarder from Dominic Stevens that bounced off the bar.

After a goalless first half, Spartak came close three minutes after the interval with a lob from Tony Herbert 40 yards out that landed on top of the net.

Till hit the post for Wood and brought another save from Matthews as Wood remained on top.

Jordan Fitzpatrick had a shot blocked, with Craig Deakin hitting the loose ball over, then Butlin had another effort saved by the man of the match keeper.

Even when Wood did break through Matthews was equal to almost anything Wood could throw at him, but Wood go into the draw for the next round on September 23. On Saturday Wood visit Leicester Road aiming to make it seven from seven.

Six goals shared as Darlo let lead slip against the Raiders

Darlaston 3 Worcester Raiders 3
AFTER a 16-day absence Darlaston returned to west Midlands Regional League Division One action with a thrilling 3-3 draw against an impressive Worcester side.

In form Raiders arrived at the Pay-care Ground with nine points from four games and on the back of a 6-2 victory whilst Darlaston were unbeaten in four games. The sides had scored 30 goals between them in the opening four games, and a further six were added here.

Darlaston took the lead with a stunning goal on 13 minutes from Scott Broadway. Raiders grabbed a deserved equaliser on the stroke of half-time through Rich Smith, but Darlaston regained the lead on 56 minutes, Clarke O'Connell the scorer.

On 74 minutes, Darlaston led 3-1, Sam Giles chipping the keeper, but Raiders staged a comeback.

Within five minutes Smith pounced again and with seven minutes left Matt Tyler levelled.

On Saturday Darlaston entertain local rivals Wyrley, kick off 3pm.

Testing times for depleted Walsall side

Crewe & Nantwich 39 Walsall 22

THE first league match this season proved to be a real tester for Walsall's management.

They already had players unavailable through absences or injury. But, added to this, scrum half Jordan Sproule was forced to withdraw with injury before the game and his replacement, Dean Ainger, was then forced off with injury after 20 minutes.

The hosts, relegated last term, were soon on the scoreboard with a penalty and a try. The Walsall pack began to gain more control and were

rewarded when prop forward, Pete Fitzgerald, burst through for the team's first score.

However, the hosts secured the final scores of the first half with two tries with kicker James Creighton converting both and a late penalty. This made it 27-5 at the break.

The early period of the second half tended to be a rather scrappy affair but eventually the home team got their bonus point try. The final 20 minutes saw Walsall score two tries through Josh Luczak and Fitzgerald. Mitch Carless added one conversion. Toby Ward went over again for the

hosts but Walsall had the last say, and a bonus try, through Luczak.

The United gained a hard fought first league win of the season, 28-22 victory over Bromsgrove 2nds. Andy Hawkins kicked an early penalty and there were tries from captain Luke Pittaway, No8 Harry Perkins, Andy Fitzgerald and Dan Poston. Hawkins added a conversion and a penalty.

Walsall Colts came back from Halesonians Colts with a 24-13 win, with two tries each from Sam Garbett and Nico Watkins and two Will Hennessey conversions.

SADDLERS FEEL TRAVEL SICK

Bristol Rovers 2 Walsall 1

THE wait for a Saddlers away win continued after Saturday's trip to the Memorial Ground.

Before Tuesday night's visit to Rotherham, Walsall had gone 12 matches, played 1,080 minutes of football and travelled 2,304 miles travelled since last tasting victory on the road.

But that elusive victory could – and probably should – have arrived at Bristol Rovers.

Instead, a mixture of bad fortune, poor finishing and individual mistakes saw Darrell Clarke's side run out 2-1 winners.

The misfortune began as early as the fourth minute when Jon Guthrie was caught out by the bizarre weather conditions.

Torrenial rain one minute, sunny the next, the match kicked off under a downpour.

And it was the elements that should claim the assist for Rory Gaffney's opener after Rovers had pumped a long ball forward.

Lashing

Ninety-nine times out of 100 Guthrie would have simply stood and headed it clear. But with the rain lashing down, he lost his footing – allowing Gaffney to run in and calmly chip the ball over Mark Gillespie.

Walsall's response was impressive and just before the hour they were back on terms – with James Wilson meeting a Joe Edwards corner.

The turning point arrived just minutes later when Amadou Bakayoko raced through on goal after latching on to an under-hit back-pass from Daniel Leadbitter. Goalkeeper Sam Slocombe raced from his line and pulled down the striker on the edge of the box, and was red-carded by referee John Brooks.

While Walsall patiently looked to prod and probe their way through, Rovers refused to lie down and got their noses in front when Shaun Donnellan gave the ball away cheaply in the build up to Ollie Clarke slamming home a Liam Sercombe cross.



Chris Lines gets above Erhun Oztumer during Walsall's clash at Bristol Rovers

Pics can't hang on after flying start

Pics 1 Nantwich Town 4
RUSHALL Olympic could not hold on to their early lead as Nantwich Town stormed back to beat them at Dales Lane in the Evo-Stik Premier.

The home side made a bright start and took a sixth-minute lead when Joe Hull was on the end of an inch-perfect free-kick from Kristian Scott.

The visitors went close when Harry Clayton's 20-yard shot was pushed behind by Dan Crane.

The goal Nantwich had been threatening duly arrived in the 27th minute when Matt Bell's cross was headed home by Joel Stair, and the turnaround was complete just three minutes later when Sean Cooke waltzed

through a static home defence to place his shot into the corner of the net.

A minute into the second half, the visitors stretched their lead when Kaiman Anderson rounded Crane and slotted the ball into the empty net.

Substitute Steve Jones completed the scoring five minutes from time.

Pelsall win title as rain has final say

PELSALL lifted the Staffs Clubs Premier Division title, but probably not how they wanted to.

Pelsall held a 33-point advantage over second-placed Cannock, with the two facing off at the latter's Chase Park ground.

Pelsall made 232, Tom Boyd with 78 and Matt Robinson claiming 6-47, but with Cannock at 48-1 just 10 overs into their reply, the match was abandoned. It means with a week to go, Pelsall cannot be caught.

There was success for the second team who lifted the T20 competition at Cannock on Sunday.

Elsewhere, Walsall YPF were dismissed for just 94 by Beacon, who knocked off the runs with eight wickets to spare.

Aldridge were also skittled cheaply, for just 58 against Springvale, losing by 63 runs. Matthew Bennett did the damage with 8-28.

Penn knocked off the 122 they needed for victory over Wednesbury without loss while Aaron Allcock (6-14) and Connor Pitt (4-56) shared the wickets as Bloxwich dismissed Aldridge seconds in division one. Thomas Fellows hit an unbeaten 50 in reply as Bloxwich won by eight wickets.

Jimmy Howell's 6-19 destroyed Rushall, who were all out for 51. Coseley had scored 228 and won by 177 runs.

Walsall's Birmingham League Premier Division Clash was abandoned with Brockhampton on 158-5 after 36 overs.

Juniors' last club triathlon of season

BLACK Country Triathletes Mark Southall, Dave Hathaway Tom Cowdale, compete in the Ironman Wales long distance triathlon. Beginning on Tenby's north beach, it comprises a 2.4 miles swim, a 122-mile ride and 26.2 mile run.

All came out of the swim well. However, Hathaway fell from his bike and had to pull out. Overall times were Southall 14:03:48 and Cowdale 14:03:19.

For the juniors it was the last club triathlon of the season at Ounsdale. Age group winners were TSS Dylan Williams, TS1 Owen Ulfing/Catherine Clews, TS2 Ben Lucas/Abbie Kennard, TS3 Zach Taylor/Holly Briscoe.

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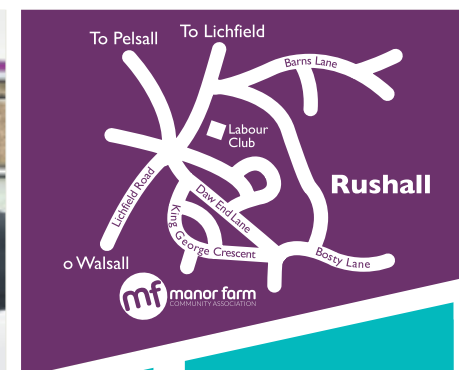
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Wednesday | 9.30am-4.30pm
(1 Day Course)
Wednesday | 6pm-9pm
(2 Week Course)

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Wednesday | 6pm-9pm
(4 Week Course)

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Friday* | 10am-12noon

*Held at Palfrey Community Association

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Wednesday | 10am-12noon
Wednesday* | 1pm-3pm

*Held at Palfrey Community Association

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Monday | 5.30pm-8.30pm

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Watercolours

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9am-11am and 11am-1pm

Work Support Club

Held at Brownhills Community Association.
12noon-3pm

Arts Mixed Media

Includes watercolours.
7pm-9pm

Advanced Spanish

7pm-9pm
Beginners French
6.30pm-8.30pm

Electronics for the Beginner to the Improver

Take the hands on approach to servicing your electrical equipment at home!
7pm-9pm



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Take the hands on approach to servicing your electrical equipment at home!
Monday | 7pm-9pm

TUESDAY

Computer Care and Maintenance

10am-12noon

Work Support Club

Held at The Thomas Project.
10am-1pm

Introduction to Cloud Computing

Introduction to Office, image editing and file storage.
10am-12noon

Introduction to Floristry

10am-12noon

Art

at Broadway North Centre
10.30am-12.30pm

Art Mixed Media

at Rushall Community Centre
1pm-3pm

Access to Employment

Gain confidence in CV writing, interview techniques and perfecting your applications!
10am-12noon

Confidence Building

10am-12noon

Upcycling Workshop

Give old items a new lease of life.
10am-2.30pm



WEDNESDAY

Watercolours

10.30am-12.30pm

Work Support Club

Held at Palfrey Community Association.
10am-11.30am and 1pm-3pm

Watercolours

Held at Rushall Community Centre.
1pm-3pm

Sugarcraft

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7pm-9pm

Digital Photography

10am-12noon

Access to Employment

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1.30pm-3pm

Update your ICT Skills

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THURSDAY

Introduction to Cloud Computing

Introduction to Office, image editing and file storage.
10am-12noon

Improvers Spanish

10am-12noon

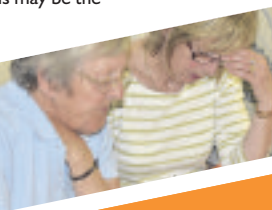
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10am-1pm



FRIDAY

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10am-12noon

Watercolours

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